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HH the Amir (left) being greeted by armed forces officials in Bubyan. Sheikh Nawaf is second from left.



Seafarers return from a voyage

## Amir inspects advance defence positions

# Kuwait celebrates National Day

KUWAIT celebrated its 27th National Day amid happiness, joy and gaiety.

There were also appeals for unity to face threats against the country.

Thousands of people watched folk dances, musical displays and other festivities held in different areas of Kuwait.

HH the Amir, who is also the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, marked the day with visits to military defences along the northern border.

### Assigned

The Amir, accompanied by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and top Army commanders, inspected advance positions and supportive defences.

He also visited the Bubyan

island, 75 miles (120 kms) northeast of Kuwait City.

The Amir discussed with field commanders the tasks assigned to them amidst "these critical circumstances." The Amir wished the armed forces best of luck.

The officers assured the Amir they will remain the vigilant eye that monitors every emergency.

### Danced

HH the Crown Prince and Premier in a televised address on the eve of the National Day called upon the Kuwaiti people for unity to defend and protect the country.

Flags were hoisted and public and private buildings were illuminated. Revellers in flag-draped cars thronged the Gulf Road on Thursday causing a bumper to bumper traffic jam

stretching from Salmiya to the old Souk. The jam continued until late in the night.

Every now and then young boys came out of their cars and danced the time away on the roads.

A fireworks display was held at night at the Flag Square.

The Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah opened a festival on the National Day marking the return of Kuwaiti seafarers from a voyage of traditional pearl-diving and trade.

Thousands of jubilant Kuwaitis, some draped in the national flag participated in the folklore festival at the seafarer's site on the seafront.

In a statement, Sheikh Nasser pointed out that "celebrating the return of seafarers represents an important element in the history

of our forefathers."

The minister noted that the return of old Kuwaiti seafarers from pearl-diving and sea-trading was a traditionally happy occasion as the voyagers met their beloved family members and friends.

### Voyage

He added that after a four-month voyage the seafarers used to bring back timber, goods and gifts for their families and friends.

Sheikh Nasser said he toured the seafarer's site where he saw old Kuwaiti marketplace modelled on the famous Souk Al Gharabah specially built for the occasion by the National Museum of Kuwait.

He pointed out that the Amir and the Crown Prince had given

instructions that the National Day celebrations should lay emphasis on revival of the Kuwaiti heritage.

He said the large public turnout at the various functions and festivities marking the National Day is a strong indication of their allegiance and attachment to their country.

Kuwait continued the National Day celebrations yesterday.

At the Flag Square Sheikh Nasser inaugurated the model of the old Safat Square. A village fair atmosphere prevailed with dancers, singers and peddlars reviving the old times, before Kuwait became a prosperous modern state.

Camels were there but in specially erected pens, so were the sheep, chickens, ducks, pigeons and parrots. Coffee pots

made in a traditional style and examples of bedouin weaving were on sale.

Gone was the specially prepared performance of patriotic poetry reciting and choreographed dancing of the previous day. What was left yesterday was the genuine stuff Kuwait has had before and will have after the celebrations.

It is songs, music and dance, rather repetitive but pleasing to the ear and the eye.

The music produced on primitive instruments and the steps consisting of a series of steps repeated over and over is not a creation of an artistically minded group but emerged as a welcome respite to incessant toiling in an inhospitable environment. In fact one finds the rhythm quite catching with limbs

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**Bombs**

Demonstrators poured out of mosques and attacked troops with stones, bottles and petrol bombs, an Army spokeswoman said.

Despite a massive police and Army show of strength, demonstrations and clashes erupted in Arab East Jerusalem and virtually all the main towns in the occupied territories.

In Hebron, troops opened fire with live ammunition after tear gas and rubber bullets failed to disperse hundreds of protesters buring rocks and petrol bombs.

One Palestinian died and at least four were injured, the Army spokeswoman said. But a preliminary Army autopsy showed school teacher Fouad Ayub Sharawi was not shot and his body bore no marks of violence.

The Palestine Press Service (PPS) quoted hospital doctors as saying Sharawi died of suffocation caused by inhaling tear gas.

### Clashes

Elsewhere in the West Bank, a 65-year-old woman was shot in the pelvis during disturbances in the village of Tubas, near Nablus, and died in the city's Al Ittihad Hospital, doctors said by telephone.

The body of another Palestinian, 22-year-old Hassan Abu Khiran from the Arab refugee camp north of Hebron was taken to Bethlehem Hospital. The PPS said he was shot dead. The Army

were out of date.

"The framework of Camp David was good for that period but now we need a much more forceful and innovative

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## Reagan blames outside agitators

WASHINGTON, Feb 26. (Reuters): President Reagan blamed outside agitators, he would not identify for inflaming the riots in Israeli occupied territories.

At a televised news conference on Wednesday night, Reagan said: "We have had intimations that there have been people suspected of being terrorists, outsiders coming in, not only with weapons, but stirring up and encouraging the trouble in those areas."

"In the Middle East, it is time for all parties to rid themselves of old ideas and stances that cannot work and begin a serious process of negotiations and reconciliation," he said.

Any peace settlement "must meet Israel's security needs and satisfy the legitimate rights of the

Palestinians," he added.

Reagan told reporters it "would be one of the greatest achievements of this administration, if before I leave, we could bring about a peace in the Middle East."

### Wrong

A Saudi Arabian newspaper attacked Reagan today accusing him of building his Middle East policy on wrong information.

"If President Reagan has wrong information and deals with it as fact, how can his Secretary of State (George Shultz) act on this information?" asked Al Riyad.

The editorial was commenting on Reagan's call for Middle East states to rid themselves of old ideas and start negotiations to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## Queen richest of the rich in UK



LONDON, Feb 26. (Reuters): Newly-rich tycoons from industry, property and entertainment are elbowing most aristocratic old money aside in Britain's booming billionaire stakes.

But Queen Elizabeth is comfortably ahead of the field as the holder of the country's biggest personal fortune. A survey says self-made entrepreneurs form the bulk of at least 20,000 millionaires in Britain.

Money magazine discovered that only five members of the elite belong among the 20 richest Britons with wealth in excess of £250 million (\$440 million).

A survey in the March issue of Money named the 200 richest people in the country — seven of them billionaires — and put their collective worth at £26.5 billion (\$45 billion).

### Paintings

They ranged from the Queen, who has estates, shareholdings, jewellery, race horses and paintings worth £3.34 billion (\$5.88 billion), to best-selling author Frederick Forsyth with £10 million (\$17.6 million), the minimum amount for inclusion.

The Queen's heir, Prince Charles, is Britain's 14th richest man with £340 million (\$600 million).

Number two on the Money list was 92-year-old John Moores, founder of a football betting system and mail order business. He left school at the age of 14 and has amassed a fortune worth £1.7 billion (\$3 billion).

### Ratification

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## Obesity not linked to eating: study

NEW YORK, Feb 26, (Reuter): Two new studies of obesity—one involving adults, the other infants—reinforce the theory that many people are fat because they don't burn energy as rapidly as other people, not because they eat more.

The studies, reported in the Feb 25 New England Journal of Medicine, say that energy expenditure seems to be the key influence on a person's long-term weight.

Fat people expend less energy, so the calories they eat are more likely to be transformed into extra weight.

For overweight babies, "our findings suggest that the most appropriate approach to preventing obesity in susceptible infants may be to increase their energy expenditure, rather than decrease (the amount of food they consume)," said Susan Roberts of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her colleagues, who tested infants of overweight mothers.

### Infants

She found that the infants who became obese had bodies that expended nearly 21 per cent less energy than other babies.

The other study, by researchers at the National Institutes of Health office in Phoenix, Arizona, studied a group of American Indians and concluded that a low rate of energy expenditure may contribute to the aggregation of obesity in families."

In that project, led by Eric Ravussin, the investigators found that volunteers with a slower metabolism were four times more likely to gain 16 pounds over a four-year period.

In an editorial, doctors Jules Hirsch and Rudolph L. Leibel of Rockefeller University in New York said the Ravussin results prove that the metabolic rate a person inherits influences whether a person is destined to be fat.

## Crisis over dismissal of Noriega

# Panama National Assembly sacks President

PANAMA CITY, Feb 26, (Reuter): Panama's National Assembly sacked President Eric Arturo Delvalle after he demanded the dismissal of Army strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega who has come under strong US pressure to abandon politics.

Government ministers, citing an article of the constitution which empowers them to name an acting president, replaced Delvalle by Education Minister Mauro Solis Palma. Later Palma was sworn in.

**Support**  
Delvalle said yesterday he was fired for refusing to step down following allegations he was involved in drug trafficking and other crimes.

**Defended**  
In addition, he has been the subject of extensive US congressional hearings that alleged he

But military officers rallied in support of Noriega, and the head of the National Assembly, Alberto Aleman Boyd, called a special legislative session to debate a resolution to sack Delvalle and Vice President Roderick Esquivel.

Although Delvalle was Panama's nominal head of state, Noriega, 50, has long been known as the real ruler of the country, which is strategically important because of its American-built canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Some 10,000 US troops are stationed to the canal zone.

Palma, addressing cheering legislators and some 200 supporters gathered in the assembly hall, condemned "a campaign of

"aggression" against Panama, and blamed "diplomatic, economic and propagandistic pressure" by the US State Department.

He also called on Washington to maintain normal relations with the Panamanian government and emphasised its commitment to protecting free transit of the Panama canal.

Delvalle said on television yesterday he "had no choice but to separate General Noriega" from his post as head of the Panama Defence Force (PDF).

Noriega was indicted by two US grand juries earlier this month of charges of drug trafficking and racketeering.

In addition, he has been the subject of extensive US congressional hearings that alleged he

turned Panama into a drug laundering haven and personally reaped millions of dollars in profits.

### Pledged

Noriega has denied all drugs and racketeering charges.

In his speech to the assembly, Palma also pledged that foreign nationals living in Panama would be safe.

"We guarantee the security of all foreigners and their belongings in Panama, especially for US citizens," he said.

While the legislature debated the resolution to sack Delvalle, the former president remained under military guard with his family in his house in Panama City.

But the guard was later retired,

and Delvalle told reporters that he would call for an urgent meeting of the Organisation of American States in Washington to discuss the affair.

Spanish national radio reported that Delvalle called the assembly vote "a buffoon's opera" that would "isolate Panama diplomatically."

But he said he didn't expect any popular reaction to his dismissal because people were "afraid of Noriega."

**Present**

Palma, in his speech to the assembly, called for "participative democracy" and said elections scheduled for May 1989 would go ahead as planned.

Noriega was not present at any of the proceedings and military

officials would not comment on his whereabouts.

Boyd, in a statement opening the special session of the National Assembly, said the attempt to fire Noriega had "endangered the integrity, peace and security of the nation."

Delvalle, in his announcement earlier, said that he had ordered Noriega to resign and that he would be replaced by Col. Marcos Justine, the military Chief of Staff.

But Justine, speaking later on a military-run television station, rejected the call, saying Delvalle had "been under pressure from the United States" to fire Noriega.

"When I heard this offer, I rejected it immediately."

## Four killed in worst day of unrest ...

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approach," he quoted Shultz as saying.

Three Israeli newspapers, in near identical reports, said today that Shultz was proposing a freeze on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, the withdrawal of the Israeli Army from West Bank and Gaza cities and its replacement by a joint Jordanian-Palestinian police force and administration.

They said Shultz was offering three alternative frameworks for the talks — a fully fledged UN-sponsored peace conference, a meeting of Middle Eastern states under joint US-Soviet auspices or a mixture of the two.

The PPS identified yesterday's victim as West Bank residents Sami Al Dayeh, 14, of Nahlius and Isam Saeed Abo Khalifa, 18, of Jenin refugee camp.

An Army spokesman said soldiers opened fire in the Jenin camp to quell "massive disturbances," killing one person and wounding another.

**Beating**

British television showed four soldiers beating young Arabs in the West Bank, kicking them as they crouched on the ground and pounding them with rocks.

The commentator said it took the soldiers 40 minutes to break the youths' arms. The Arabs were then led to a truck to go to hospital. Their arms were limp and their faces full of blood.

Soldiers arrested 100 Palestinians in Khatayeh village yesterday suspected of lynching an Israeli collaborator and destroyed the houses of two villagers suspected of hanging him from an electricity pylon, military sources said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Nasser's son

BELGRADE, Feb 26, (Reuter): Khaled Abdel Nasser, the eldest son of Egypt's late President who is facing the death penalty in his native land, is in Yugoslavia as a tourist with an Egyptian diplomatic passport, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Egypt's state prosecutor last week demanded the death penalty for Nasser, 38, the son of General Gamal Abdel Nasser, and 10 others, on charges of direct involvement in forming and financing a group called "Egypt's Revolution" which has killed two Israeli diplomats and wounded two US diplomats since 1984.

### Wrong day

LONDON, Feb 26, (AP): The Daily Telegraph got off on the wrong foot on Wednesday, with the paper's masthead misidentifying the day as Thursday. The mistake reportedly caused quite some confusion throughout the land.

The Telegraph reported on Thursday's front page that one reader complained he had travelled to Birmingham a day too soon after being misled by Wednesday's paper. Someone else went to the dentist a day early, and some elderly readers went to post offices to collect pensions that normally come on Thursday.

### North Yemen polls

SANA'A, North Yemen, Feb 26, (AP): Preachers called on Muslims attending mosques in North Yemen today, to register as voters as the country prepared for its first free parliamentary elections.

Voting is not compulsory, but men and women over the age of 18 have been urged to register in recent weeks.

### Boat people

RANG ISLAND, Thailand, Feb 26 (UPI): More than 500 Vietnamese boat people today waited fearfully under makeshift tents on remote Thai islands for the next development step in what was supposed to have been a safe, easy escape from Vietnam.

# The sign of good taste



## Iraq denies Iranian raid

BAGHDAD, Feb 26, (Reuter): Iraq yesterday denied Tehran reports that Iranian irregulars had launched an attack near Kirkuk in Iraqi Kurdistan.

"This is another Iranian lie..." the head of the Defence Ministry political department, Abdulla Mohsen said. "The situation in the region is completely calm."

Tebrao Radio, reported earlier that Iranian irregular forces had launched a three-pronged attack near Kirkuk.

Iraq said its jets blasted a railway bridge to northwestern Iran

### Senegalese polls

DAKAR, Feb 26, (Reuter): Senegalese voters will choose among four candidates, a rare luxury in Africa, when they elect their president on Sunday.

President Abdou Diouf, 52, is virtually certain to win another five-year term.

### Princess Anne

ENTEBBE, Feb 26, (AP): Britain's Princess Anne planted a tree at State House today before leaving for Mozambique, ending the first visit to Uganda by a member of Britain's royal family in 23 years.

### Singer Slim dies

PARIS, Feb 26, (Reuter): Memphis Slim, the American blues singer who lived in Paris for more than two decades, has died in hospital at the age of 73, his family announced today.

One of the most successful of modern bluesmen, Slim was the author of the famous "Everyday I Have the Blues" which was later popularised by Count Basie's orchestra.

The singer and piano player, whose real name was Peter Chatman, died in Paris's Necker Hospital on Wednesday. The cause of death was not immediately available.

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## Hundreds killed in S.African raids: Angola

HARARE, Feb 26, (Reuter): Angola said South African planes and troops killed hundreds of people in raids on two southern towns yesterday.

In Pretoria, a spokesman for South Africa's military headquarters dismissed the Angolan charge as propaganda.

"We regret to announce the death of hundreds of citizens, including women, old people and children who live in the bombed areas," said a statement by Angola's Defence Ministry, read on state Radio Luanda last night.

The broadcast, monitored by the BBC, said South African forces hit the towns of Lubango and Cuito Cuanavale, about 300 km (180 miles) inside Angola.

### Siege

Cuito Cuanavale has been the focal point of fighting between Angolan and Cuban forces on one side and South African troops and right-wing Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) rebels on the other.

The town has been under siege for the past month. Its air base is used as a springboard for Angolan attacks on Unita positions.

### Intervention

South Africa has drawn a veil of secrecy over the conduct of its latest military intervention in Angola's 13-year civil war.

Its troops crossed the border last September to bolster Unita guerrillas. Pretoria said were facing defeat by Angolan troops, who are backed by Cuban soldiers and Soviet advisers.

South Africa has since reported at least 35 of its troops killed in Angola, despite an announcement last year that it was withdrawing the force.

Unita, which also receives military aid from the United States, has held virtual control of some areas of southern Angola for years. Pretoria says the rebels' defeat would threaten its security and that of neighbouring Namibia, which it administers in defiance of UN resolutions.

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## Gorbachev appeals for calm

## Million protest in Armenia

MOSCOW, Feb 26, (AP): Mikhail Gorbachev made an unprecedented public appeal today for calm in the Republic of Armenia, but more than one million people ignored him and continued to demonstrate in the streets, a witness said.

For the past five days, thousands of people have thronged the centre of Yerevan, Armenia's capital, to demand that a region of the neighbouring Republic of Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh, whose population is more than three-quarters Armenian, be made part of Armenia.

The Communist Party central committee, which Gorbachev presides over as party general secretary, rejected that call earlier this month, sparking street protests in Yerevan whose reported size is without precedent in the 70 years of Soviet history.

Sergei Grigoryants, an Armenian dissident, said a speech from the Soviet leader was read over Armenian state-run radio by Vladimir Dolgikh, a non-voting member of the ruling politburo.

## Former Egyptian premier dies

CAIRO, Feb 26, (Reuter): Former Egyptian Prime Minister Mamoud Salem, who headed four governments under President Anwar Sadat in the 1970s, died in London yesterday aged 70, the Middle East News Agency reported.

Salem went to London on Wednesday for medical treatment, the agency said. It did not state the cause of death.

Salem, who was single, was Prime Minister from April 1975 to September 1978. Since then, he held a largely honorary post as an assistant to the presidency.

A career police officer who served as governor of Assut and Alexandria, he joined the cabinet in 1971 as Interior Minister when he helped Sadat to crush a plot to oust him.

As Interior Minister, he was responsible for modernising Egypt's security forces and abolishing exit visas for Egyptians. He also cracked down on communist organisations and gradually removed all leftists from key positions. He supported Sadat's decision to expel about 15,000 Soviet military experts in 1972.

## Pakistan accused of troops buildup

NEW DELHI, Feb 26, (Reuter): Pakistan has deployed a light infantry unit on the strategic Siachen glacier along its border with India and may also put US-made tactical helicopters there, Indian Defence Minister K.C. Pant claimed yesterday.

Pant told parliament Pakistani troops who attacked Indian positions along with the glacier last September and October were recruiting local people to assist in their military operations.

He said India had received information that a representative of the US plane maker Boeing recently went to Pakistan to conduct a demonstration of helicopters that could be deployed on the glacier.

The glacier, rising 6,000 metres, straddles the frontline between Indian and Pakistan-controlled sectors of the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistani troops had been "repulsed with heavy casualties" when they attacked Indian positions last year, he boasted. "Our troops fight valiantly and there is no question of our soldiers being driven out."

"That area of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and will remain an integral part of India," Pant said, adding that India would take "all appropriate measures" to ensure India's security interests on the glacier.

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Gorbachev called on the Armenian people to be calm, and said there were a lot of unresolved problems, including that of Nagorno-Karabakh, and that a patient approach is required, Grigoryants told the Associated Press by telephone from Yerevan.

The 15-minute speech also was broadcast over loudspeakers at Yerevan airport and elsewhere in the city, said Grigoryants, a Moscow resident who arrived in Armenia earlier today. He said the speech would be shown later on Armenian Television.

Moscow-based media, including the official Tass news agency, which are customarily quick to report Gorbachev's public remarks, carried no immediate mention of his appeal to Armenians.

Although Grigoryants said the 56-year-old Soviet leader's speech was more conciliatory and soothing than "combative" remarks made Wednesday night in Yerevan by Dolgikh, he said it failed to sway the protesters.

"The numbers in the streets have grown to more than one million today," Grigoryants,

Gorbachev, in a speech to the party central committee on Nov.

said. "Columns are marching along the major streets, and there is a sea of banners."

Another witness, Paruyr Ayrikyan, an Armenian activist, said some of the banners read "Karabakh is Armenia" and "Karabakh is a test of perestroika," the Russian-language word for Gorbachev's drive for economic and social reconstruction.

## Strike

Grigoryants said factories, scientific institutes and the Armenian telegraph agency had gone on strike in sympathy with the protest, and that Armenians who had served with the Soviet Army in Afghanistan and were among the protesters were throwing away their medals and their Communist Party membership cards.

The protests in Yerevan, now in their fifth straight day, constitute a clear challenge to Gorbachev's campaign for greater democratisation and openness. The Soviet leader's personal appeal showed how seriously the Kremlin regards the situation.

Gorbachev, in a speech to the party central committee on Nov.

18, said relations among the more than 100 ethnic groups that live in the Soviet Union are the country's greatest problem.

But he has before intervened publicly in a dispute, even when rioting broke out on Dec 17-18, 1986 in the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan in which three people were killed and 200 injured.

That unrest was sparked by the appointment of an ethnic Russian to replace a Kazakh as local party chief.

## Troops

Ayrikyan said that before midnight Thursday, 1,500 Soviet paratroopers had been flown into Yerevan's airport, and had been ferried in a 40-vehicle motorcade to the Dynamo sports hall and other locations around the republic's capital.

"They came with full equipment, including clubs," Ayrikyan said. He said the paratroopers were told by officers aboard their transport planes that an "uprising for national independence" was under way in Armenia, but would not say how he obtained the information.



● The girlfriend and relatives of an Israeli soldier cry at the funeral after he was killed when a tank was blown up as it ran over a mine in southern Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Roh sworn in as President

## Seoul announces amnesty



Roh: new era

committed serious crimes such as murder or arson as part of political protests. He hailed the measure as "courageous" and said it would boost democratic reconciliation.

**Bomb**

Meanwhile, police found a time bomb today at a Usis library in a provincial city and arrested a dissident student in Seoul who planted the explosive, a police spokesman said.

Police in Kwangju, an opposition stronghold 270 km south of Seoul, located the homemade explosive in a bookcase in a library of the Usis building in the city, the spokesman said.

Chung said the amnesty did not include dissidents who had

The explosive was connected to a red-coloured round-shaped alarm clock four inches (10 cm) in diameter. It apparently failed to go off because the clock stopped before the set time, the spokesman said.

Kwangju police acted on a tipoff from Seoul authorities who got the confession about the time bomb from one of five radical students under investigation for seizing the Usis library in Seoul for two hours Wednesday, the spokesman said.

Police believed it was an incendiary time bomb but were waiting for military ammunition experts to arrive to determine its exact nature, the spokesman said.

Seoul police said Ahn Rae-Sung, 24, arrested in Seoul today, placed the bomb in the Usis library in Kwangju. He had been wanted in connection with the seizure of the Seoul Usis facility.

The group, calling themselves a "Death Squad for National Salvation," have told police that they took their action to oppose the inauguration of President Roh Tae-Woo and protest US support for what they called a dictatorship.

Thousands of students and other dissidents staged street protest actions in Seoul and eight provincial cities Thursday after Roh took an oath of office for a five-year term.

## Sudanese rebels defecting

spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, fled into exile with tens of thousands of supporters and the region was radically reformed on communist lines.

Lamas at this year's official festival, which began yesterday, said that 80 Drepung monks had turned up, but one Tibetan source said the number was only 15.

One monk at the alternative ceremony said it mirrored the closed Mon Lam festival held at the monastery before Chinese authorities lifted a 20-year ban on the event in 1980.

Drepung's "chantmaster" Ngawang Dorjung, whose booming base voice is a loved tradition at the Mon Lam rites, only agreed to join the official ceremony after persistent persuasion by local government officials, Tibetan sources said.

An ideological "work group" has been stationed at the hillside Drepung monastery since October's protests.

At least six people were killed in Tibet last October in protests against rule by Beijing, which sent in troops in 1950 and remained in power by a theocratic Buddhist elite.

After the takeover Tibet's

number of rebels who already had crossed over to Army lines spoke of "a good number" of rebels considering quitting the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

The source did not give the number of rebels who already had abandoned the SPLA.

A number of rebels defected from the SPLA and turned themselves in to the government army, the statement said. "The Army units have been instructed to welcome any defector from the SPLA."

The SPLA took up arms in 1983 against the Khartoum government in the north, fighting for greater autonomy and economic reforms.

Specialists from 60 countries are expected for Egypt's first international conference on AIDS from March 3-5, at which issues will include prevention and control through official policy, education, religious influence and law.

**Militants must lay down arms**

## Jayewardene offers pardon to rebels

COLOMBO, Feb 26, (AP): President Junius Jayewardene on Thursday offered Tamil rebels and Sinhalese extremists a new amnesty if they surrender their weapons and support efforts to halt ethnic violence in Sri Lanka.

"Whoever they are, wherever they are, I invite them to lay down their arms, support the peace accord and join other political parties in the humane and democratic process," Jayewardene told the opening session of parliament.

The Tamil Tigers, the most powerful of the Tamil rebel groups, have been battling more than 45,000 Indian troops deployed in Sri Lanka to enforce an India-brokered peace accord signed in July.

The accord was to end the Tamils' nearly 5-year-old guerrilla war for an independent

homeland in the North and East of the island nation.

Sinhalese radicals, many of them members of the outlawed People's Liberation Front, have rejected the peace pact, saying it makes too many concessions to the minority Tamils.

Sinhalese extremists have killed at least 150 members of Jayewardene's ruling United National Party and other supporters of the accord since it was signed July 29.

## Amnesty

Tamils, who are mostly Hindus, comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people. The majority Sinhalese, who are mostly Buddhists, control the government and Army.

Jayewardene said in his speech: "I am prepared to grant all of them amnesty contained in the accord and lift proscriptions on their parties."

J.N. Dixit, India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, told a news conference he welcomed Jayewardene's amnesty offer, calling it "very conciliatory and very statesman-like."

"We regard this as a sincere effort by the President to bring peace in this country," he said.

Dixit repeated India's willingness to talk to the Tamil rebels if they first lay down their arms. He said the main Tigers leader, Vellupillai Prabhakaran, should contact New Delhi if he wants to negotiate.

India has become involved because the 60 million ethnic Tamils who live in southern India are sympathetic to the Sri Lankan cause.

Thursday's opening parliamentary session was boycotted by the entire opposition, except for one member of the Sri Lanka Communist Party,

to underscore the opposition's demand for a general election in Sri Lanka.

The last parliament election was held in 1977. The current legislature was extended under emergency rules.

Jayewardene praised the Indian peacekeeping troops in his country, saying: "While Sri Lankans have died to preserve the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of their homeland, Indian soldiers, far away from their homes and loved ones, are sacrificing their lives to save our country from being destroyed by terrorism."

More than 350 Indian soldiers have died in the fighting against the Tigers since October.

On Wednesday, a mine buried by Tamil rebels killed at least six Indian troops and wounded three others near Morawewa village in Eastern Trincomalee

## Egyptian parties plan march into Israel

CAIRO, Feb 26, (Reuter): Egypt's political parties plan to hold a mass Arab peace march into Israel within three months in support of Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, an organiser said.

Lotfi El-Kholi, head of the "Committee for the Consolidation of the Palestinian Uprising," said they hoped a million people from Arab countries would take part.

He told Reuters he would fly to Tunis to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasir Arafat and arrange for deported Palestinians to join the march.

Israel has expelled about 2,000 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip since capturing the territories in the 1967 Middle East war, he said.

The Egyptian parties announced their plan following failure of a PLO attempt this month to send deported Palestinians back to Israel by ship. An explosion crippled the PLO's intended "ship of return" in Cyprus.

Kholt, a journalist and leading member of the small leftist Unionist Progressive Party, said he would also go to Algeria, Morocco and Iraq to promote the march. Other politicians would go to other Arab countries.

## Determination

Asked what the marchers would do if Israel stopped them crossing the border, Kholt said they would press on regardless.

"This time, it is the (Arab) people and not Armies that will cross the frontiers and we are determined to cross under any circumstances without firing a bullet," he said.

Arab Armies have fought four wars with Israel since the Jewish state was founded in 1948.

"We will tell the whole world we are not going to let the Palestinians down this time, as we (Arabs) did in 1982," Kholt said, referring to the year when Israel invaded Lebanon to oust PLO commandos.

He said the Egyptian parties planned that marchers would go into Israel simultaneously from Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon—a date still to be fixed.

"We pray to God that the Syrian and Jordanian governments will open their borders for us to cross. We have been reassured that Egypt will not object," he said.

Kholt said he hoped Israeli peace activists would join the marchers in Israel. His committee would urge Israel to put the Palestinians under international protection.

He said Egypt, the most populous Arab state and the only one pledged to peace with Israel, would contribute one-third of the marchers.

## Eight hurt as Amal hunts for Higgins

BEIRUT, Feb 26, (UPI): Pro-Iranian gunmen in a speeding car buried a hand grenade at Al checkpoint near the village of Jibsheet in southern Lebanon, wounding seven men of the Amal militia, police said today.

The militiamen at the roadblock retaliated by firing submachineguns into the vehicle, seriously wounding one of the car's occupants who was later identified as Ali Kansou, a member of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, police said.

Inter-Shiite tension has been escalating in the Jibsheet area, 60 km southeast of Beirut, since Amal encircled the Hezbollah stronghold three days ago, suspecting that US Marine Lt Col William Higgins is being held hostage there.

Gurney said the peptides were placed into laboratory rabbits. The immune system of the rabbits produced three antibodies against the peptides.

Researchers then exposed these antibodies to several strains of the HIV virus in test tubes. Gurney said the HIV virus was neutralised, or prevented from spreading to other cells.

The experiment used a peptide that was a chemical mimic of a portion of the HIV envelope that remains unchanged, Gurney said. Other parts of the virus change frequently. This unchanging portion of the HIV virus does not elicit an antibody response when it is attached to the whole virus for reasons that scientists do not understand, said Gurney.

But the fact that a peptide imitating part of the HIV virus is able to trigger antibodies may be important in combating the fatal disease.

Arab and Western doctors will meet in Cairo next week to discuss ways to combat AIDS in the Middle East, where conservative morality has kept the fatal disease from reaching epidemic proportions.

Specialists from 60 countries are expected for Egypt's first international conference on AIDS from March 3-5, at which issues will include prevention and control through official policy, education, religious influence and

## National Day celebrations in foreign countries

AMMAN, Feb 26. (Kuna): Top Jordanian government officials attended a reception hosted last night by Kuwait's Ambassador Ibrahim Jassem Al Bahi to mark the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day.

Attendance included chairman of the Jordanian Council of Notables, King Hussein's closest aide Prince Raad Bin Zeid, Parliament Deputy Speaker and Speaker of the Palestine National Council (parliament in exile) Abdul Humid Al Sayeh as well as representatives of Palestinian groups in Amman.

Amman Television, meanwhile, screened a special programme on the occasion reviewing Kuwait's development and highlighting its support for Arab national issues, chiefly the Palestinian cause.

**Progressing**  
In Damascus, the Syrian leadership and media have highly commended the wise leadership and development of Kuwait and the pan-Arab policies of the Arab Gulf state as it celebrates the 27th National Day.

The Syrian Television ran a special 30-minute programme last night on Kuwait which the commentator lauded as aspiring to foster the bonds of brotherhood with all the Arab countries and gear their concerted efforts against all threats and challenges.

The state-owned TV said Syrian-Kuwaiti relations are progressing year after year to set an example of how ties between the Arab states should be like in all fields of cooperation.

The Syrian press on Friday carried lengthy features and editorial comments on Kuwait on the occasion which was celebrated last night by Kuwaiti ambassador Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Jaem in a reception attended by Syrian ministers, political party leaders including leaders of the 4-party National Progressive Front sharing the government with the Arab Baath Party.

In New York, Kuwait celebrated its 27th National Day on Thursday at a reception hosted by Ambassador Mohammad A. Abuhasan.

The party, held at the elegantly-built Kuwaiti mission just a few steps from the United Nations complex in midtown Manhattan, was attended by hundreds of diplomats and American friends of Kuwait.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar dropped in to congratulate the Kuwaiti envoy, and so did the representatives of most of the UN's 159 members.

**Traditional**  
In New Delhi, Indian President R. Venkataraman and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi have sent messages of greetings to HH the Amir of Kuwait, and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, on the occasion of the National Day.

The President in his message said "On the occasion of the National Day of Kuwait, I have much pleasure in conveying to your highness, on behalf of the government and people of India, warmest felicitations and best wishes."

"There exists a tradition of

close cooperation between India and Kuwait in various fields and I am confident that these ties of friendship will continue to strengthen in the years to come," he said.

The Prime Minister's message said: "On behalf of the government and people of India as well as on my own behalf, I have pleasure in sending warm greetings on the occasion of the National Day of your country."

In Islamabad, President Ziaul-Haq, Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo and Mrs Shafiqah Ziaul Haq attended a reception held at the Kuwaiti embassy here to celebrate the National Day of Kuwait.

They congratulated Kuwaiti Ambassador Qasim Omer Al Yagout and Mrs Badria Yagout on the auspicious occasion.

Others who attended the function included ministers, members of Parliament, high-ranking government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and prominent citizens.

The Kuwaiti Ambassador Qasim Omer Al Yagout said here last night that the State of Kuwait, like the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, was very proud of its Islamic identity. He was addressing the people of Pakistan over Radio Pakistan and Pakistan Television.

In Dhaka, the ambassador of Kuwait held a reception to celebrate the National Day.

The reception held here by Ambassador Ahmad Mursheed Al Suleiman was attended among others by Bangladesh Religious Affairs Minister Abdul Mannan, former president Khundaker Mustaque Ahmed, major opposition leader Mrs Khaleda Zia and a former foreign minister Dr Kamal Hossein.

President Hussein Mobammed Ershad in a message on the occasion greeted HH the Amir of Kuwait and the people of the brotherly Muslim state.

In Kuala Lumpur, more than 600 guests, including diplomats, Malaysian senior government officials, Islamic leaders, educationists and businessmen attended an official reception to mark Kuwait's 27th National Day.

They were received on arrival by the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Malaysia Essa Abdul Rahman Al Essa and Mrs Essa.

In Tokyo, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Japan Abdul Muhsin Al Haroun has celebrated the 27th National Day of Kuwait amid rejoicing and congratulations from Japanese and other friends of Kuwait.

More than 600 guests, led by high-ranking Japanese officials, Arab and foreign diplomats and representatives of the business community here, attended a reception hosted by Al Haroun at Hotel New Otani, which was decked with Kuwaiti flags and photos of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla.

In London, the Kuwaiti Ambassador Ghazi Al Rayes, Thursday evening hosted a reception marking the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day.

A film on the social life in Kuwait was also shown on the television here.

the Kuwaiti community in Britain took part in the celebration.

In Geneva, Kuwait's ambassador to the United Nations and its specialised agencies hosted a reception to mark Kuwait's National Day.

Among the guests invited by the envoy Dr Salem Jaber Al Ahmad were heads and senior officials of the international organisations here, and representatives of the diplomatic and business communities.

### Prosperity

In Bonn, Kuwaiti Ambassador to West Germany Khaled Al Bahit marked the 27th anniversary of the National Day with a fabulous reception at the La Redout Palace attended by over 600 Arab and foreign personalities.

They congratulated Kuwaiti Ambassador Qasim Omer Al Yagout and Mrs Badria Yagout on the auspicious occasion.

The Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klifi, who is currently visiting here, attended the reception and extended his best wishes to the government and people of Kuwait praying to the Almighty to favour them with continued prosperity and welfare.

In Bucharest, Romanian national and regional press publicised the congratulatory telegram president Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania sent to the Amir of Kuwait.

Editorial notes presented economic realities in Kuwait and showed that relations of mutual co-operation have been established between Romania and Kuwait.

In Prague, Czechoslovak Socialist Party daily Svobodne Slovo praised Czechoslovak-Kuwaiti relations in an article on the National Day of Kuwait.

The two countries' economic and political co-operation has been intensive for more than two decades, the paper said and listed high-level visits both ways in the 70's and 80's. Czechoslovak-Kuwaiti economic and scientific technological co-operation and trade have had an upward trend, the paper said, adding Czechoslovakia exports to Kuwait in such traditional commodities as draperies and woollen clothing, as well as water tanks and water storage reservoirs have also been on the increase.

In Washington, Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sabah hosted a big reception yesterday night to mark Kuwait's National Day celebrations.

More than 600 people attended the reception.

Top Reagan administration officials from the White House, State Department, Pentagon, and other government departments attended in addition to many Congressmen, members of the diplomatic corps, Arab ambassadors, newsmen, Kuwaiti nationals and students studying in the US.

In Brasilia, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Brazil gave a reception yesterday to mark the National Day.

The reception was attended by several ministers, political leaders and a large number of prominent citizens and diplomats.

A film on the social life in Kuwait was also shown on the television here.



Kuwait's Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak (left) is presented a commemorative gift by Anwar Al Nouri, the Education Minister.

### Self-sufficiency in medicines

## Lack of specialists main obstacle

ACCORDING to a recent statistical report the annual cost of international pharmaceutical consumption is estimated at approximately \$5.4 billion and Arab countries consume more than a quarter of the total quantity of medical drugs produced. But the 40-year-old Arab pharmaceutical industry has only been able to meet 15 per cent of the Arab world's demand or \$300 million worth of pharmaceuticals consumed.

The main obstacle to the realisation of a self-sufficient Arab pharmaceutical industry, according to a local newspaper, is the lack of specialists and professional personnel. Other problems include lack of educational planning taking into account Arab needs for medical supplies and drugs and the acceptance of dependence on imported medicines.

### Strategies

The Director General of the Arab Pharmaceutical Establishment in Iraq Taiseer Ahmed Jihad said that the Arab Higher Committee for Pharmaceutical Affairs was one of the most important committees of the Council of Arab Health Ministers because of its work in developing a self-sufficient Arab pharmaceutical industry.

He said that at the committee's 9th session meetings held in Kuwait recently the committee had discussed a strategy for pharmaceutical industries and studied recommendations regarding such strategies adopted at the Arab Union of Medical and Pharmaceutical Producers Symposium which met in Amman last December.

Jihad added that the committee

### University honours

## Abdul Razzak

THE Rector of Kuwait University, Dr Abdul Mohsen Al Abdul Razzak hosted a dinner in honour of Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak on the occasion of his appointment as Minister of Public Health.

The new health minister spoke briefly to those gathered, thanking the education minister and friends for the occasion.

The dinner was attended by the Education Minister and Acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar Al Nouri, the Secretary-General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) and a number of university officials.

Al Nouri praised the efforts of Dr Al Abdul Razzak and his previous work at the university.

### IICA moves to new offices

YOUSSEF AL HAJJI, the Chairman of the International Islamic Charity Authority, announced that the authority had moved its offices from the Al Awqaf Complex to Dirwazat Abdul Razzak Al Sabah Street. He added that the old office was no longer enough to accommodate the authorities increasing number of activities and projects.

According to the basic charter of the authority, special departments for investment, information and foreign contacts are required which necessitated the additional office space, Al Hajji said.

In the new premises, the authority will be able to expand its activities, Al Hajji added, saying that the Municipality had agreed to grant the authority land on which to build permanent facilities in the Mishref area.



An officer of the interior Ministry, 1st Lieutenant Rabie Al Mutairi, gave a lecture on security and traffic awareness at the parallel education school. He spoke about the common mistakes by motorists and also about the responsibility of preserving and protecting public property.

## Soviets urged to speed up efforts to end Iraq-Iran war

MOSCOW, Feb 26. (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Abdul Mohsen Yousef Al Duaij has called on the Soviet Union to use its international leverage to speed up the efforts toward an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

Duaj, who was speaking on the Soviet television last night on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day, said the Gulf region should be an area of peace and stability.

The ambassador hoped that the recent initiative launched by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to end the crisis in Afghanistan would succeed.

Speaking about developments in the occupied Arab territories, Duaj said the atrocities Israel is

committing and the killing of armless Palestinians remind us of the Nazi deeds.

On the Soviet-Kuwait relations, the ambassador said they are based on mutual confidence and that viewpoints are identical concerning many issues relating to bilateral relations and ties with other countries.

**Coexistence**  
Meanwhile, President of Soviet Society for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Arab countries Mikhail Kondakov said "Kuwait's consistent policy of positive neutrality earned it respect of many countries."

He added at a function devoted to the Kuwaiti National Day that Kuwait's foreign policy course is based on the principles

of peaceful coexistence, support for the people's right to independent development.

Kondakov further noted that bilateral ties between the Soviet Union and Kuwait develop in various areas under the principles of equality, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and mutual interests.

Duaj who also spoke at the function said the Kuwaiti-Soviet relations set an example of constructive cooperation and real friendship between the two countries.

The ambassador also said these relations develop and deepen to the benefit of the two peoples and added that it can be said that they stood the test of time and entered the stage of confidence.

## ROYAL COURT

### Congratulations

THE chairman of the Higher Committee for Celebrating the National Day and the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed yesterday cabled HH the Amir of Kuwait congratulating him on the glorious occasion.

Sheikh Nasser expressed in the cable best felicitations and wishes of health and happiness to the Amir as well as wishes of continuous advancement and prosperity for the country.

He highlighted the spirit of harmony and compassion among members of the Kuwaiti family, lauding the people's unity and rallying behind leadership of the Amir.

Similar cables by the committee's chairman were addressed to HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla and to Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Newspapers hail Kuwait's achievements

KUWAIT newspapers editorially commented on the 27th anniversary of the National Day of Kuwait, hailing the achievements realised by Kuwait and hoping for more in the future.

Al Watan said over the past quarter of a century, Kuwait has assumed a prominent role on the international, Islamic and Arab scenes.

It explained saying that Kuwait has played a prominent role during the decade of division and challenges and was firm in its support to the unity and safety of the Arab nation and its fateful causes.

Al Watan stressed that the Kuwaiti people has given the evidence of its ability to shoulder its responsibility, and added that on the anniversary of the National Day, the Kuwaiti people is more determined to work and build for the sake of a free and developed homeland.

Referring to the critical circumstances surrounding the Gulf region, the paper said Kuwait was able to face big challenges, and its people has proven that it is united and mature and aware of its national responsibilities in defending the country and its achievements.

Al Qabas daily newspaper said the occasion should urge us to question ourselves about what we have offered to the country over the past year.

The newspaper said the best that we can give to Kuwait is to keep away from personal differences and to work hard in hand for peace and stability for the country.

Al Anba daily newspaper pointed out the confidence the Kuwaiti people has in its political leadership and said this has satisfied the people that their future will be brighter.

On the other hand, the paper noted, the confidence of the leader in its people was great and indicating the full integration between the leadership and the people.

It concluded saying that the unified faith of the Kuwaiti people is the best guarantee for progress to be realised and for the structure of the country to be more solid and stronger with the passing days.

Al Roi Al Adl daily recalled the achievements of late Amir, Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem, during his rule the independence of Kuwait was obtained.

The paper said Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem was a distinguished man who has right now to be remembered by every sincere and patriotic citizen.

It recalled that Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem had managed to take Kuwait from the stage of pre-independence to the era of independence during which the constitution, democracy and modernisation were introduced.

## GULF PRESS

### Shultz' visit to Mideast a fruitless mission

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers continued to editorialise on US Secretary of State George Shultz' visit to the Middle East confirming that it is a fruitless mission aimed mainly at suppressing the Palestine uprising.

Al Ittihad newspaper of Abu Dhabi said "Shultz arrived on Thursday in occupied Palestine with his bad luck trailing behind him since all indications point to the failure of his mission.

The newspaper added Shultz's visit of "going ahead with an initiative which is nothing but a scheme that meets the Israeli demands for direct negotiations that would result in a weak autonomy rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

The newspaper went on to say "Shultz and others who rotate around the Zionist orbit should realise that the Palestinians are one people under a common command namely the PLO, and if they seek other negotiators on their behalf then they have the wrong address."

Al Bayan newspaper of Dubai said "in accordance with the American uncovered policy Shultz's current tour is aimed at quenching the fire of the heroic uprising, therefore Arab officials should realise, while meeting Shultz, the American policy towards the Arab-Israeli conflict is merely a reflection of the views of the Zionist administration."

Al Waha newspaper of Abu Dhabi wondered "what are the real reasons behind Shultz's tour. Is it a suppression of the uprising or a blessing to the Zionist repressive measures?"

"The only answer to Shultz is what was clearly and firmly declared by the inhabitants of the occupied territories to continue struggling until victory is achieved and a boycott of Shultz's visit," the newspaper said.

"The Palestinians have confirmed that the American solution is the same old Zionist scheme aimed mainly at wasting more of the legitimate rights of the Arab nation," the newspaper added.

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# Arms embargo on Iran likely in few weeks: Mellor

BAGHDAD, Feb 26, (AP): A British official said yesterday a UN arms embargo against Iran for ignoring a Security Council ceasefire resolution is likely to be taken up in a few weeks.

But David Mellor, a Minister of State at the British Foreign Office, said he was sceptical whether such a resolution would be effective enough to bring about an immediate end to the 7 1/2-year-old war between Iran and Iraq.

He told reporters in Baghdad that discussions are underway at the United Nations to get a unanimous agreement among the five permanent members of the Security Council to move to a followup resolution imposing an arms embargo on Iran for ignoring resolution 598, which demands a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

## Lengthy

"We are coordinating with the Five toward the followup resolution to impose an arms embargo against the party which refused to comply with the 598 resolution," Mellor said in a press conference at the British ambas-

sador's residence in Baghdad. "It is a lengthy process but I hope in the end we will be able to obtain a resolution imposing an arms embargo on Iran, maybe in a few weeks," he said.

Iraq has accepted resolution 598 provided Iran endorses it. Iran has not accepted nor rejected the measure, adopted unanimously by the Security Council July 20.

## Realistic

The United States and Britain, both permanent Security Council members, and Iraq have been launching a campaign at the United Nations to move to another resolution that would punish the party that fails to accept resolution 598.

But the Soviet Union, another permanent council member, argued that Iran should be given more time to respond to the decision.

The other permanent council members are China and France. Mellor said he was "realistic" that the forthcoming resolution may not end the war, "but it will be an indication that the world

community is not ready to give up efforts which it began with resolution 598 to end the war."

"It will also be an indication to the non-compliant party, which we say is Iran, that the world community is going to take action to ensure that its resolutions are not flouted," he added.

Mellor had lengthy discussions with President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday night on the Gulf war and efforts made by the United Nations to move toward an arms embargo resolution against Iran.

During his visit, Mellor had two rounds of talks with Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and met Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan.

He also discussed commercial relations and other economic issues with the Trade Ministry's undersecretary.

## Working

Mellor described the current Iraqi-British relations as "very good at the moment," and said his talks with Iraqi officials were "very warm and they enhance bilateral relations."

Meanwhile, US Ambassador

Vernon Walters said that the five permanent members of the Security Council are working on a resolution to impose an arms embargo against Iran in its war with Iraq.

"The US is urgently seeking passage of this resolution" intended to persuade Iran to comply with a 7-month-old council demand for an immediate ceasefire and troop withdrawal, Walters said.

"The five permanent members are now actively working" on an embargo, he said in testimony before members of the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington. His statement was released by the US mission to the United Nations.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, meanwhile, conferred Thursday with Iraqi Ambassador Ismail Tahar Kitani, after meeting the day before with Iranian acting Ambassador Mohammad Ja'afar Mahallati.

Perez de Cuellar held two rounds of talks with Iranian and Iraqi envoys in an effort to end the war.

## Iran to hold naval manoeuvres

NICOSIA, Feb 26, (Reuter): Iran said today it would hold large naval manoeuvres in the northern Indian Ocean in the near future.

The Iranian news agency, IRNA, received in Cyprus, quoted Navy Commander Rear Admiral Moshammad Houssein Malekzadegan as saying the manoeuvres would take place early in the Iranian new year which begins next month.

All ships, aircraft, hovercraft, marines and commandos would take part in the manoeuvres, to be staged in international waters to hone skills needed to counter any foreign aggression, he said.

The admiral told naval commanders after a six-day meeting that the Navy had made outstanding progress in repairing and operating its missiles as well as manufacturing advanced weapons to be used in future operations.

IRNA said "Revolutionary Guards had started training in the firing of surface-to-surface missiles and that the country was now mass producing its own missiles."

## Relief convoy arrives in Lebanon

MASNA, The Lebanese-Syrian Borders, Feb 26, (Kuna): The fourth and last convoy of Kuwaiti aid for the Lebanese people arrived at the border check-point of Masna.

The convoy of 240 trucks, loaded with foodstuff, clothes, medicines and stationery in addition to 30 buses for school children was received by the mayor of Bekaa area Salim Jadoun who represents acting Lebanese Premier Dr Salim Al Hoss.

Sheikh Mubarak Faisal Al Sabah, the representative of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait and Kuwait's Ambassador in Damascus Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Jassam and the embassy officials supervised the delivery of Iran and Iraq to come to New



John Smith hugs his wife Jo after his arrival at Heathrow airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Iraq releases jailed Briton

BAGHDAD, Feb 26, (Agencies): British businessman John Smith, imprisoned for life on a charge of bribing Iraqi officials, was released from jail on Thursday after he was pardoned by President Saddam Hussein, a British government official said.

David Mellor, a junior British Minister who held talks with Hussein in Baghdad said: "The British government very much welcome this warm indication of good will towards the British people which is very much appreciated."

Earlier, a British embassy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Iraqi President issued the pardon on Wednesday, in response to a representation made by Mellor during a meeting Wednesday night.

The embassy official quoted Mellor as saying he was "really delighted to see Smith go back to his family and I think the move will boost bilateral relations."

## Espionage

Smith, 43, was working as a salesman for British car sales agency Hestair Dennis when he was arrested in 1979 while talking with an Iraqi official in a park.

He was later convicted of bribing officials. At the time he was also accused of "economic espionage" but it was not clear whether he was ever formally charged or convicted on such a charge.

## Saudi aid to Palestinians more than \$385m

TUNIS, Feb 26, (AP): Saudi Arabia has provided more than \$385 million in aid to Palestinians living in the Israeli occupied territories since 1979, and said yesterday the support will continue.

A Saudi Arabian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his country's support amounted to about 43 million dollars a year over the last nine years.

Smith said he had learned to speak Arabic while in prison and would not mind returning to Iraq.

## martyred Palestinians," and added that Saudi Arabia will

continue to provide support to the PLO and the Palestinian people in their "battle for freedom and dignity."

A Saudi Arabian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his country's support amounted to about 43 million dollars a year over the last nine years.

In a statement published in Tunis newspapers, the Saudi chancellery said that in lending support, Saudi Arabia "acts on a national and Islamic duty."

Saudi support committees working through Feb 21 have collected about 1.2 million dollars so far this year, destined to help the resistance in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the statement said. It did not provide details.

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Saudi spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, paid homage to Kuwait and Iraq for their "famine aid to families of

## Filali in UAE holds talks

ABU DHABI, Feb 26, (Kuna): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan yesterday received a message from King Hassan II of Morocco particularly dealing with the situation in the Maghreb region, latest developments in the Arab and the Muslim worlds and matters of bilateral interest between the two friendly Arab states.

The Gulf war and possible further steps that might be taken by the Security Council were understood to be among the subjects up for discussion at the council's monthly lunch on Thursday, given this time by Lieutenant General Vernon Walters of the United States, who holds the rotating council presidency.

He will be succeeded for March by Dragoslav Pejic of Yugoslavia.

head of state.

Filali is currently on a visit to the Arabian Gulf states to acquaint himself with the developments taking place in this strategic region.

He is due to leave here on a similar visit to Oman tomorrow evening.

During his stay here, Filali is holding a series of meetings with UAE officials discussing with them matters of bilateral and international importance including the ongoing Iran-Iraq war and efforts being made to put an end to the eight-year old Gulf conflict.

# Gulf camel riders head for the Seoul Olympics

MANAMA, Feb 26, (UPI): Even while the Calgary Winter Olympics were under way in frigid Canada, camel riders in the sun-drenched Gulf prepared to set off for a warmer competition in Korea — riding their camels.

The group of vessels was off the United Arab Emirates of Ras Al Khaimah when the Iranian ship, bearing the number L51, approached to within about five miles.

"Do not interfere with my convoy's transit," said an American voice on the radio. It was not clear whether it came from the missile destroyer Chandler or the missile frigate McClusky, the two escorting warships.

"We will obey the rules of the road, and will not worry you," replied the Iranians, according to journalists who overheard the exchange from a helicopter.

The convoy, the 13th of the year, included the 81,723-ton Surf City, the 79,999-ton Ocean City, and the 46,723-ton Gas King. It was exiting the Gulf through the Hormuz passageway Thursday.

The cousins and their four camels intend to travel overland across the United Arab Emirates and Muscat, then by ship to Karachi, Pakistan, then overland again through India, Bangladesh, Burma and China, then by ship across the Yellow Sea to Korea and the final phase of the journey.

**Tradition**

To prepare themselves, the two Arabs from the tiny Gulf state of Qatar successfully crossed North Africa on camels last year, riding from Oman to Morocco.

By reaching Korea in time for Seoul's September Summer Games, the Arab adventurers say they hope to put an end to Western scoffing at camels — and have some fun on the way.

"I am not seeking fame or fortune for myself," Saleh said in an interview. "I am doing these things to show the world the great Arab tradition and value of the camel."

The foundation will recognise a total of 115 students with outstanding graduates from Kuwait University receiving KD750 each, graduates from the authority KD500 and those completing their Secondary School Certificate KD300. Honoured graduates from other institutes will be given KD300.

"Our message to the world is to show the true capability of the

camels, and to put an end to the Western view that it is an anachronism of transport."

The message is aimed at Arabs as much as Westerners, however. Many desert nomads have long since abandoned the camel in favour of jeeps and trucks.

They said they ate once a day — the traditional Arab diet of bread, dates, coffee and tea. They baked bread over a log fire, slept four hours at a time and took it in turns to guide the caravan while the other rested.

"Our camels were able to travel 5 miles an hour, so each day we travelled about 75 miles in 20 hours," Saleh said.

To entertain themselves the two men would race each other.

"The winner was proclaimed king of the desert for the day, and the loser had to feed the camels, start the fire and prepare our food," he said.

**Track**

The cousins said their North Africa journey re-lived the days when "the Islamic word and culture was spread across the world through the only possible means — the ship of the desert."

The trek followed the track of 14th century Arab adventurer Ibn Battutah, a Dubai-based expert said.

"Born in Tangiers in 1304, Battutah devoted 30 years of his life to travel," Eman Al Bak said.

Battutah wandered "as far afield as Kilwa on the East African coast to the Volga Basin, eastward to Sumatra and China and across Northwest Africa to the river Niger before finally returning to Morocco."

"In Seoul," Saleh said. "I will represent every young Arab, and my camels will represent the proud history, heritage and tradition of our race."

## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Sixty-three companies take part in industrial exhibition

By Lima Al Khalafawi

SIXTY-THREE local companies are displaying an impressive range of products at the Kuwait Industries Exhibition being held at the Mishrif International fairground.

The exhibition was opened on Tuesday by the Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Al Khaled.

He hoped the exhibition would attract international attention to Kuwait's industries and open new markets for them.

He said the Finance Ministry and the Commerce and Industry Ministry were preparing a study on promoting local industries and it would lay out policies to serve the goal of industrial progress.

Al Khaled appealed to local

industrialists to make the best possible use of the state subsidies.

He pointed out that Kuwait may start industries for strategic and security reasons. He was pleased that local products were competing with imported ones.

The products on display at the exhibition ranged from aerosols to refrigerators, from sponges to bottled water, from towelling, plastic piping, clothing and textiles, chainlink fencing to prefabricated buildings and dairy products.

Kuwait has built up a surprisingly varied industrial base over the past decade or so.

**Substitutes**

Most of the industries could be considered as import substitutes, producing necessary items locally so that they need not be imported at great expense from

outside. This also means that many goods can also be sold to other neighbouring countries often at a fraction of the cost of importing them all the way from Europe or the Far East.

Most of the early local industries were construction based, such as the National Industries Company which makes bricks, tiles and other building materials.

The Kuwait Gypsum Manufacturing and Trading Company is another example of this type of local industry.

The exhibition will be open from 8 am to 1 pm and from 4 to 8 pm at the Kuwait Writers Society Building.

The exhibition will continue until Feb 29.

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## Thought for today

NATIONALISM is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind — Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).

### Afghan talks

## Prospects for peace remain clouded

By Hanns Neuerbourg

**GENEVA,** (AP) — Negotiations on an end to the Afghan war resume here in a week, amid widespread hopes the conflict can finally be ended. But prospects for success in the talks remain clouded — particularly over who will govern Afghanistan in the future.

The US Secretary of State George Shultz ended talks in Moscow this week with a note of optimism on Afghanistan, but complex issues must still be resolved before an end to fighting in one of the most murderous conflicts since World War II.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev sent hopes soaring when he pledged Moscow will withdraw its estimated 115,000 troops within 10 months, starting May 15, provided Pakistan and Afghanistan reach a peace settlement in the United Nations-sponsored Geneva talks by March 15. Pakistan, Afghanistan's neighbour, has brought Afghan refugee and Western points of view into the negotiations along with its own political and security interests.

With talks scheduled to be resumed March 2, this would leave just 13 days to tie up a package of agreements to end nine years of fighting — believed by some to have claimed more than a million lives.

**Pullout**

Gorbachev has said the start of the pullout could have even sooner if the settlement is completed earlier. But he has failed to say when the withdrawal would start if the March 15 deadline is not met. However, Shultz has said in Moscow he has "no doubt" that the Soviet leader is determined to bring home his troops.

After a 20-day shuttle between Kabul and Islamabad, UN mediator Diego Cordovez reported early this month that there was "virtual agreement" on the timetable of the Soviet withdrawal.

The United States and Pakistan still would prefer to give the Soviets less than 10 months to leave. But the timetable is no longer considered to be a critical obstacle to a settlement.

In almost six years of negotiations, accords have already been reached on non-interference by outsiders in a post-war Afghan state and on the principles of return of 3.5 million Afghans now sheltered by Pakistan — the largest concentration of refugees in the world.

### For protection of tankers in the Gulf

## Major US companies turn to British help

By Nabil Megalli

**MANAMA,** (AP) — Major US oil companies doing regular business with Saudi Arabia are turning to Britain for protection of their tankers against Iranian attacks. Gulf-based shipping executives and diplomatic sources confirmed Thursday.

The sources, all speaking on condition they not be named, said the move by such corporations as Chevron and Mobil was apparently prompted by loss of hope that the US Navy's escort operations would be expanded to cover US-owned or operated vessels that do not fly the American flag.

They said Chevron and Mobil recently registered a total of five supertankers in Bermuda under the red ensign, flag of the British Merchant Marine, and Exxon Corporation had brought its Bahamas-registered Esso Atlantic out of four years' retirement to carry crude to the United States. The 516,893-ton ship is one of the world's three or four largest.

Exxon already has about a dozen supertankers flying the UK flag, and another five sailing under the French flag.

France, Britain, Italy and the Soviet Union also have naval escort contingents in the Gulf.

### Shifted

Two Chevron-owned vessels, the 413,158-ton Chevron South America and the 264,000-ton Chevron Edinburgh, were shifted from Liberian to Bermudan registry in December. The vessels routinely operate between Saudi Arabia's Rum Tanura terminal and Chevron's US Gulf coast refinery in Pascagoula, Missis-

But crucial aspects are still unresolved, raising questions about a recent comment by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly G. Kovalev that only a "few commas or words" remain to be discussed at Geneva.

Among the still-open issues:

• At what stage is Western and other military aid to be cut off to the Mujahideen guerrillas who are hating the Kabul government and its Soviet backers? US officials say the timing of the cutoff has not yet been determined.

• How should the withdrawal be phased? Gorbachev has said "relatively greater portion" of what he describes as the "limited Soviet contingent" of troops will be withdrawn quite rapidly. He implied Moscow was thus accepting US demands that the withdrawal should be "front-end loaded."

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## Robertson a wild card in South Carolina

# Christian conservatives may spoil Bush's party

By Christopher Hanson

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** (Reuters) — George Bush's drive for the Republican presidential nomination could be jolted by the Swaggart affair. "It can't help Robertson but it's a little blip — it doesn't amount to much."

But Brookings Institution politics expert Stephen Hess said of the Swaggart affair: "It can't help Robertson but it's a little blip — it doesn't amount to much."

Harrigan, 28, a former salesman now toiling in a makeshift political headquarters in his basement, has joined a growing army of conservative Christian volunteers working for candidate Pat Robertson, a former religious broadcaster and faith healer.

The army of evangelical Christians has made Robertson a wild card in the South Carolina Republican primary election on March 5 and on "Super Tuesday" three days later, when 20 states, mostly in the south, pick delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

"I've made myself totally unavailable. I'm a staunch conservative," Harrigan said in an interview at his home in Alexandria, Va., a Super Tuesday state.

Vice President Bush, he said, was much too liberal, despite his loyalty to the conservative President Reagan.

Fall

The fall of television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who gave up his pulpit on Sunday amid allegations of adultery, might make it

somewhat more difficult for Robertson to broaden his political base, politics experts say.

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Bush, who trounced Senator Robert Dole in the New Hampshire primary last week, is hoping to capitalise on Reagan's popularity in the south and on a potent organisation to roll over Dole on Super Tuesday and secure the nomination.

For that to occur, the Bush camp says, its candidate must prevail in South Carolina, the south's political gateway, where a win would give Bush a decisive surge of momentum.

Win

But Robertson, a Virginian, has thrown down the gauntlet in South Carolina, predicting he will win there and go on to other victories on Super Tuesday.

South Carolina Republican leaders see a potentially very tight Bush-Robertson race, with the less well-organised Dole trailing.

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Robertson turned out more

people than all other candidates combined in recent party meetings in Georgia's 10 biggest counties, said Georgia Republican national committeeman Carl Gillis, a building contractor in the rural hamlet of Adrian.

Speaking in a thick drawl, Gillis, who is neutral in the contest, told Reuters that Robertson's support seemed to run very deep in rural Georgia.

"I asked a lady who works for me, 'You gonna vote for Pat Robertson?' she said, 'Yeah, I ain't told anybody, though.'"

"I said, 'Well let me ask you something — is your sister gonna vote for Pat Robertson?' Her sister lives right close there. She said, 'Yeah.'"

"Her mother lives right close to her, too. I said, 'Is your mother gonna vote for Pat Robertson?' she said, 'Yeah.'"

Arkansas Republican organiser Dorothy English said Robertson's operation was the most visible and energetic in her state.

Control

In Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia, the Robertson machine has seized control in local party meetings and is working to put its people into key party jobs, showing it wants to remain a force after 1988, party leaders said.

Robertson turned out more



## Habre seen winning peace in Chad with open arms policy

By Claude Regin

**N'DJAMENA,** (Reuters) — Last year Colonel Ahdelkader Kamougue lived in plush Libyan hotels at Tripoli's expense plotting Chadian President Hissene Habre's downfall.

Today, he is serving Habre as Chadian agriculture minister, and leads a spartan life in N'Djamena — the dusty and bullet-scarred capital of the country which has seen two decades of civil strife.

He is one of scores of former Habs who have rallied to him in the past two years as part of the Chadian leader's declared policy of "forgiveness and national reconciliation."

Other beneficiaries of Habre's open arms policy include Gen-

eral Djibril Negue Djogo, the current justice minister, and Public Works Minister Kassine Deiwa Coumouko, who as a judge condemned Habre to death a few years ago.

After inflicting defeats on Libya on the battlefields the 47-year-old Chadian leader is winning peace at home, where his once exiled enemies have been returning.

Jobs

"We were all drawn home not by the promise of key jobs but by the related realisation that only Habre could hold the country together," Kamougue told Reuters in an interview.

Those who have returned have been given top jobs in government, the Army and the judiciary. But they say this

played no part in their decision.

Adoum Yacoub led a 1983, Libyan-backed military invasion of northern Chad aimed at returning former President Goukouni Oueddei to power. Now he is the Chadian Army's third highest ranking commander.

He turned against his former backers and played a major part in an eight-month military offensive which ended three years of Libyan military occupation of northern Chad last year.

All say they returned without conditions. "I simply wanted to play my part in efforts to rebuild my country," Health Minister Mahamat Senoussi Khatir told Reuters.

Senoussi, a former ambassador to Libya and Belgium under Goukouni, said civil servants had been on half-pay for

the past five years, the other half going towards the country's war effort against Libya.

"It is a small price and we were all delighted that our sacrifice paid off when we realised the scope of our troops' humiliation of the mighty Libyan Army last year," he added in an interview in his sparsely furnished one-storey house.

### Regretted

Both Kamougue and Scoussi, who for many years lived on what they called Khaddafi's petro-dollars, said they regretted not having recognised early enough that Habre was right from the beginning when he claimed that Libya used them only to hack expansionist designs on Chad.

"Habre has shown he was the

man Chad needed to end two decades of factional strife and to check Libya's territorial ambitions," Kamougue said.

The 49-year-old, French-trained southern Army general was Goukouni's vice-president in one of Chad's many short-lived governments and hunted then rebel leader Habre out of the country in 1980.

He now speaks with admiration of his new boss, describing him as a real statesman.

The 47-year-old Goukouni, who ruled from November 1980 until June 1982 when he was chased out of N'Djamena by Habre, has not returned home. Habre has repeatedly stated his arch-rival would be welcomed with open arms.

Chadian officials and

diplomats say Goukouni is a spent force at home. But they add that as long as he and the current nominal head of Chad's government-in-exile, Acheikh Ibn Oumar, remain out of the country Libya will be able to use them as pawns in efforts to destabilise Hahre.

Negotiations with Goukouni have collapsed over what Chadian officials describe as unacceptable demands which include a dismantling of Unir, the sole political party.

Habre set up the broad-based Unir in 1984 to put an end to political and inter-community fighting among the 5.3 million Chadians, whose country straddles black and Arab Africa and comprises some 200 ethnic groups.

## Soviet dissident monks speak about religion under communism

By Helen Womack

**PSKOV,** Soviet Union. (Reuters) — As the millennium of Christianity in Russia approaches, a group of dissident monks have spoken out about their problems under the communist authorities who they say are reducing monastic life to a token show.

Before the revolution, when a man entered a monastery, he died as far as the Tsarist state was concerned," one of the monks, Father Alipii, told Reuters in a recent interview.

"But the Soviet state will not so readily relinquish a man. A monk remains a Soviet citizen with all the pressures and obligations which that entails."

Father Alipii was one of 10 months expelled from the Cave Monastery near the northern city of Pskov in 1983 after protesting at what they called misconduct by their superior Archimandrite Gavril.

He was appointed by the Moscow church hierarchy, which dissidents say collaborates with the Kremlin.

The Archimandrite was not available to comment on the case of the 10 who now officiate in village churches around Pskov.

In successive anti-religious campaigns, hundreds of these were forcibly dissolved and their lands confiscated by the state. Now there are only 17 orthodox monasteries and convents in the Russian empire, where monasticism was still popular and revered.

Father Sergei, responsible for discipline in the monastery, said only that the community preferred not to wash its dirty linen in public.

Thousands of Soviet and foreign tourists visit the 500-year-old monastery every year and, to the casual observer, the life of the monks there seems to follow its centuries-old rhythm.

"Pskov was lucky and escaped closure," said Father Alipii. "But the state took away our lands, lakes and forests and left us with only a small garden."

The outstanding feature of the monastery is a labyrinth of caves where the founding hermits lived until the 14th century and which contains the bones of 11,000 monks, local nobility and warriors.

A scent rather like lavender which comes from the coffin of Vasa, wife of one of the early

monks, is said to be miraculous and is a particular attraction for pilgrims and tourists.

A record number of visitors are expected to flock to the monastery this summer during celebrations marking 1,000 years of Christianity in Russia because Pskov is the birthplace of Olga, grandmother of Vladimir, Russia's first Christian prince.

The dissident monks, in signed statements about their grievances, cautioned against assuming Soviet monasteries were thriving. They said communist authorities were making entrance for young novices increasingly difficult and reducing monastic life to a token show.

Their remarks echoed points made in a recent letter on monasteries from a Russian Orthodox bishop to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and paralleled warnings from dissident laymen that Soviet authorities will use the millennium to give an inaccurate rosary picture of the church.

Father Sergei said Pskov had its full quota of 80 monks ranging in age from 18 to 95 and there was a balance between the number of applications and places available.

The state imposed a quota on monasteries above which they could not recruit and exerted strong pressure through propaganda on young people to discourage them from choosing monastic life, Father Alipii said.

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The debate goes deeper than in collective terms," said the US-born Carol Beccie Tarantelli, 45, a leftist member of the chamber of deputies.

She speaks from first-hand experience. In 1985 Red Brigades gunmen murdered her husband, Ezio Tarantelli, a prominent economist.

Authorities contend that Brigades gunman Antonino Fosco, captured recently, was just completing arrangements to assassinate Christian Democrat Party chief Ciriaco de Mita.

A Milan judge has accused the Red Brigades of pursuing the liberation of its leaders so it can launch a new war.

There is a hard core of "irreducibles" in prison who never abandon their cause. But the majority have renounced violence if not their beliefs.

"The age of terrorism in Italy is finished," says Franceschini.

Terrorism expert Bocca agrees. He believes Italy now is going through the same process that took place after other national schisms, such as fascism — putting the pieces back together.

"Amnesty has always been practiced to reunify the country," he said. "It is a typically Italian tendency."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

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## EVENTS

### Malayalee drama festival held

MORE than 1,400 Indians attended a Malayalam drama festival presented on Thursday by the Prathiba Theatres at the Indian Arts Circle.

The group performed three one-act plays based on topical and mythological subjects.

#### Values

K.P. Ashok Kumard directed Aasthana Viddikal, based on well-known Keralee playwright G. Sankara Pillai's play of the same name. It was a modern version of traditional Indian play about

the erosion of values. N.K.G. Nair, Dharamajan and Harish Felix appeared in the play.

Dhruvam, a study of slum-dwellers, directed by A.N. Satyadas, was also performed. V.T. Thomas, Anthony and Kuruvilla played the main roles in this short play.

#### Greed

The programme also included Vargham, a play on greed involving three characters, that was directed by A.J. Sebastian.

Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha was the chief guest at the festival.



A scene from the Malayalam play Aasthana Viddikal.

### This week on KTV 2

#### SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Lone Ranger: "The Ghost Wagon". Is there such a thing as the "Ghost Wagon"? The Lone Ranger examines the myth.

6.30 Butterfly Island: "Quarantine". A group of visitors have food poisoning and are treated by a nurse living on the island.

7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a wacky look at sporting events.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Hot Shots: "The Family Jules." The female owner of a news-magazine is forced to sell her property to a black-mailer, who dies in mysterious circumstances. Amanda and Jack investigate.

9.30 Foley Square: "Judgement Call". Alex is invited by a judge to spend a weekend at a castle.

10.00 Q.E.D.: documentary

10.30 Best-Seller: to be announced

12.00 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

#### MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Yogi's Treasure Hunt: cartoons

6.30 The Animal Express

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news, presented by KTV.

7.30 Don't Wait Up: a comedy of manners about a British family who can't seem to get anything right. In tonight's episode, the son tries to take his mother to the airport ...

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Law and Harry MacGraw: "The Fallen Arrow." Harry goes against all odds to clear a hookie of murder.

#### 9.30 Horizon: BBC documentary

10.30 Mini-Series: "A Year in the Life". The life, love and fortunes of a middle-class American family are revealed in this mini-series, starring Richard Kiley, Eva Marie Saint, Wendy Phillips, Morgan Stevens and David Oliver.

11.30 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

#### TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Rainbow Bright: cartoons

6.30 Side Kicks: "Petty Cash". Arnie rehearses for a school play in which he plays a major role.

7.00 Beyond 2000: this episode examines improves safety equipment such as safety belts; preexisting accidents on planes and high-speed patrol boats.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: "Rock and Rumble". A policeman kills a member of a notorious gang.

9.30 Documentary on Kuwait.

10.00 Tracey Ullman Show: a 30-minute comedy featuring short sketches, including Meg's Shower.

10.30 Feature film: "Ghosts and Goblins". Larry has flu but does not take medicine.

10.30 Falcon Crest: "Manhunt". Richard and Angela have been kidnapped by Travis. Maggie manages to rescue them. Lance is heartbroken after his girlfriend dies and Melissa plans to open a new winter.

12.00 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

#### WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Get Along Gang: cartoons

6.30 Micro at Work: "Robots in Action." Robots are being increasingly used in the manufacturer of automobiles. A look at robot mechanics.

6.50 The Living Isles: "Fresh Pastures." This episode

#### THURSDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer; American basketball and sports magazine

6.00 Centaur cartoon series

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a short story about a boy who works in a circus; plus the usual features — songs, dances and cartoons.

7.00 Rags to Riches: "Vegas Rock." Foley goes to Las Vegas and the girls follow him to meet a singer.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Spencer for Hire: "Widows Walk." A widow hires Spencer to help find the man who

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3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: round-up of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: cartoons

6.30 Airwolf: "A Piece of Cake". A wealthy industrialist's son is kidnapped and Joe is commissioned to rescue him.

7.30 Spitting Image: "Your Life in Their Hands."

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Professor." A professor overcomes his inferiority complex by plotting the murder of a colleague with the help of students.

9.30 Weekend: local programme

10.00 What A Country: Mr Brown is asked to stay away while the students sit for an examination conducted by the principal. Ali is his favourite victim.

10.30 Wise Guy: Frank discovers Sonny's sinister plot and prevents him from killing a singer.

11.30 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

#### FRIDAY

10.20 Hikayat Min Al Alam: Stories from Around the World. A look at how people live in different countries.

4.00 Hindi feature film: starring Jitendra, Reena Roy. Typical Hindi film rehash about a rich boy and poor girl who overcome all odds to marry and are separated only to meet years later.

11.00 Oudat Min Al Hilal Al Wardi: Arabic play. Starring: Salah Saadani, Athar Al Hakim, Mun-tasir Billab, Shawki Shamiq. Directed by Fuad Abdul Jalil.

#### ARTS

1. Islamic Arts Museum

Dar Al Atbar Al Islamiya

(Islamic Arts Museum) will hold nine week courses in ceramics, jewellery making,

metalwork and watercolour

drawing at the Muhtarrif in Bay Al Badr. For details contact S.A. Mutawa — 2435915.

**Sultan Gallery**

"Kuwait: Studies in Water-

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exhibition of paintings by

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Stafford at the Sultan Gallery, 9 am

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Friday), until Feb 29. The

gallery is located near the Rolls

Royce showroom, Al Soor St.

#### SPORTS

1. Raft Race

Raft Race 1988 entry forms

and rules are now available

### TV CORNER



Dale Robertson plays Starbuck, Wednesdays.

### KTV 1 weekly highlights

**SUNDAY**  
7.30 Diwaniyat Shura Al Nabt: a weekly programme featuring Nabi poets and other works, directed by Faijan Al Otaibi.

10.50 Variety Show: featuring the Jordanian Folklore Troupe, which took part in the 1987 Jerash Festival.

#### MONDAY

7.15 Ifalma wal Mustaqbil: "Our Children and Their Future." This episode deals with literature for Arab children. Dr Julianne Abu Nasr of Beirut University discusses the subject.

10.50 Deraat Al Adhath (Circle of Events): Kamel Sulaiman examines the services provided by Kuwait Television. Guests are Salem Al Fahad and Majed Baghdadi.

#### TUESDAY

4.15 Ghadab Al Sahra: episode 4 of daily Arabic serial.

7.25 Al Haiwanat: Animal World. This documentary focusses on marine-life.

9.50 Safahat Min Tareekh Al Hawali: historical series. Marzouk Al Shamani examines life in Kuwait in the days gone by.

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#### WEDNESDAY

5.15 Bain Al Ams Wa Al Youm: Between Yesterday and Today is a local programme which examines the development of communication systems in the region.

10.50 Music Studio: a local variety show featuring Rubah, Jaan Al Rashed, Nofal Abdul Jalil, Abdulla Al Rowashid, Sulaiman Al Moosa and others.

#### THURSDAY

10.00 am Fi Rihab Tarbiya: a weekly educational programme, this series examines the problems of schoolgoing and the system of education in Kuwait.

11.30 Al Islam Wal Insan: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Abdul Suboor Shahin.

4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective Simon Templar.

7.05 Maftouh Ayesh Farhan: weekly serial, starring Sayyada, Kawari, Basma Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mohammad Hilal.

10.30 Kadda Baina Al Zaffaha: Arabic film starring Sabah Mursi, Mahmood Masoud, Saeed Abdul Gani. Directed by Kamal Salah Al Din.

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Stafford at the Sultan Gallery, 9 am

to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm (except

Friday), until Feb 29. The

gallery is located near the Rolls

Royce showroom, Al Soor St.

#### PRAYERS

Rajr 4.56 am

Zuhr 12.01



HH THE AMIR and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawai Al Ahmed Al Sabah Inspects one of Kuwait's defence bases along the northern border.



FALCONS are as popular now among Kuwaitis as they were in the past. They are patiently trained and are a hobby pursued by enthusiasts.



SEAFARERS carry timber, one of the valuable items brought with them from their four-month voyage, at the folklore festival held along the sea front.



A TIMELESS SCENE. Children enjoying the pure pleasure of being able to reach out and touch a woolly sheep and women enjoying their children.

## Gaiety marks National Day

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itching to move but the real pleasure is to watch the dancers themselves.

They move gracefully, obviously enjoying the dance. Looking at them it is difficult to place them in time. They could be last century's mariners or businessmen who just stepped out of a Mercedes.

Some of them look so old that they probably remember the beginning of this century. Others are teenagers. Their instruments mainly different types of drums and flutes look ancient. No matter how narrow the range of the music and the dances is this kind of performance is the centerpiece of Kuwait's folklore and presents a most effective way of recalling one's heritage.

The clapping of the dancers' hands, the wailing of the flutes and the beating of the drums struck a responsive chord with the visitors who watched from their American limousines.

### Folkloric

The local groups were strengthened by a group of colourfully dressed Yemenis who performed some of their own brand of spirited folkloric dance. A mounted Police Academy team gave display of their skills with swords and spears.

A group of herdsmen sheared sheep in the old-fashioned way using a kind of vicious looking scissors. Children and adults crowded around the cages with pigeons, parrots and chickens with feathers painted red, green and blue.

Sheikh Nasser, who is also the

head of the higher committee for National Day celebrations, said the Safat Square has always stood as a symbol of Kuwait's past, rich in heritage and tradition.

The Safat Square which has undergone massive renovation, was the Kuwait City's central bazaar and is at present a bustling marketplace surrounded by skyscrapers.

On the occasion of the National Day, the Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi visited the Shuaikh Port and the Kuwait International Airport on Thursday.

Sheikh Nasser sent a cable of congratulations to the Amir.

Sheikh Nasser wished the Amir continued good health and happiness and the country welfare and prosperity.



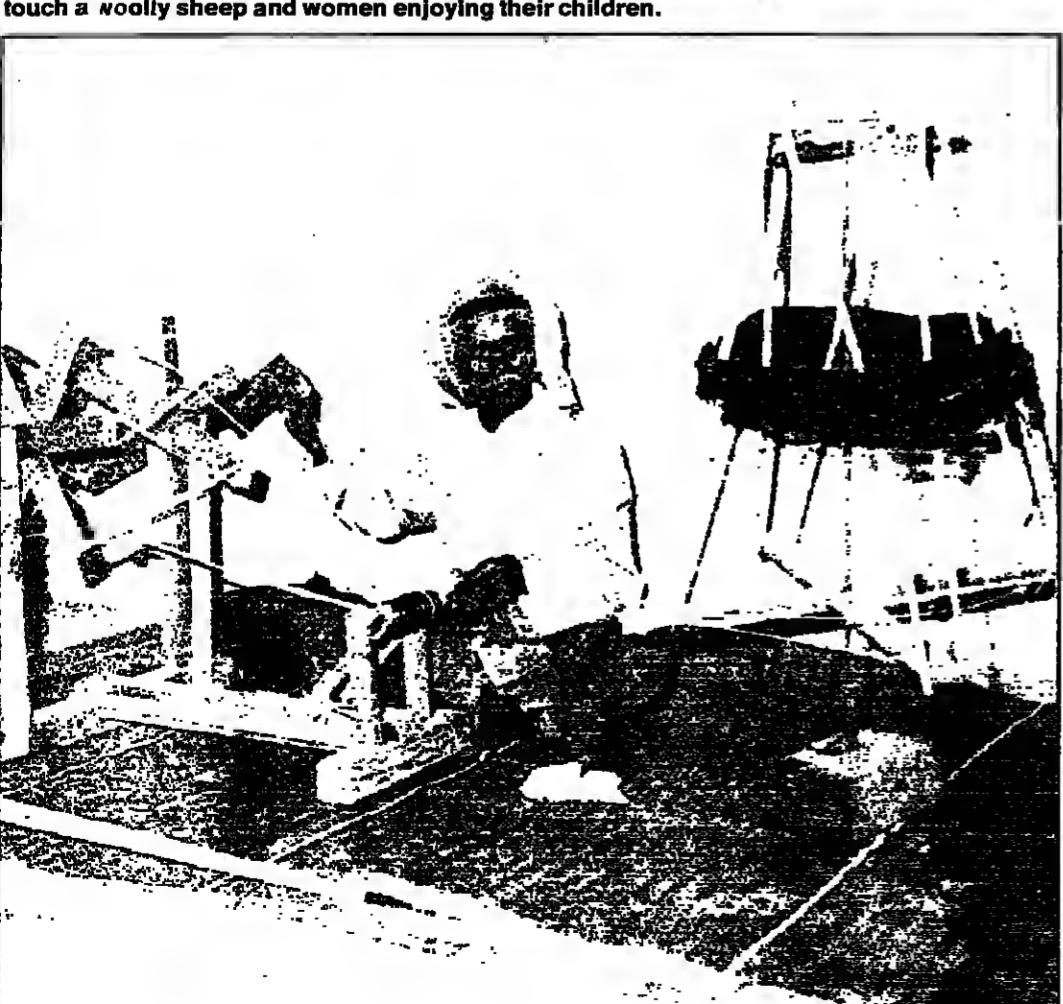
EQUESTRIAN skills were an important part of Kuwait's history as demonstrated in the above picture.



KUWAIT'S flag was carried aloft by these children at Messilah Beach as they celebrated National Day in their own way.



A DEMONSTRATION of sheep-shearing, using scissors, was popular at Flag Square. This man has his sheep ready for shearing.



BASKET WEAVING is just one of the traditional handicrafts demonstrated at the National Museum this week as Kuwait revives important aspects of its national heritage (above). And a handicraft revival would not be complete without a display of skills associated with the lovely bedouin weaving so popular in Kuwait. In the picture left, wool is spun and wound for weaving.

FIREWORKS illuminate Kuwait's sky in a spectacular display of colour and sound.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

*Arab Times*

Real personal consumption expenditures drop

## US economic growth revised to 4.5pc in 4th quarter

WASHINGTON, Feb 26, (Reuters) The US economy grew at a 4.5 per cent annual rate between October and December, even faster than the brisk 4.2 per cent pace estimated a month ago, the government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department said the upward revision to the figures for gross national product (GNP), the total output of goods and services produced by the United States, partly reflected stronger consumer spending than first thought.

An important inflation gauge, the GNP implicit price deflator, rose 2.7 per cent in the fourth quarter, the same as estimated a month ago.

The new statistics made no change to the growth rate for the whole of the calendar year of 2.9 percent. But, measured from the

fourth quarter of 1986 to the fourth quarter of 1987, the rate was revised up to 3.9 per cent from 3.8.

The 4.5 per cent fourth-quarter rate, slightly faster than the third-quarter pace of 4.3 per cent, was the highest since 5.4 per cent in the first quarter of 1986. But it was below economists' forecasts of at least five per cent growth.

### Revision

Economists had expected the government to report higher levels of exports and inventories, but the Commerce Department announced downward revisions.

Economists said the upward revision to the fourth-quarter growth figures was both good news and bad news.

The resilience of consumer

spending following the October stock market crash angers well for a sixth consecutive year of economic growth in 1988. And with unsold goods piling up less rapidly than economists had feared, production curbs this quarter may not be so severe.

But the slight downward revision to net exports underlined yet again that America faces a long haul in reducing its trade deficit, which hit a record \$171 billion in 1987.

Real personal consumption expenditures fell \$19.8 billion in the fourth quarter rather than by \$24.1 as first estimated. Between July and September they rose by \$33.2 billion.

The dollar fell in New York on news of the GNP figures as traders reasoned that if consumer spending was not as weak

as assumed, demand for imports would remain high and the US trade balance would improve only slowly.

The US currency fell about half a pfennig against the West German mark to 1.6950 marks.

Net exports of goods and services rose only \$2.0 billion in the fourth quarter instead of 7.7 billion as the government scaled back its estimate of agricultural exports. In the third quarter, net exports dropped \$5.7 billion.

### Durable

Real business inventories rose \$56.7 billion in the fourth quarter instead of \$58.3 billion. They rose by \$24.6 billion in the third quarter.

Producers' purchases of durable equipment fell \$2.2 billion between October and December

instead of by \$6.2 billion. They had risen \$19.1 billion in the third quarter.

Largely because of this revision, real non-residential fixed investment, a measure of how firms are gearing up to expand production, fell by only \$600 million instead of 4.2 billion as first estimated.

Federal government purchases of goods and services rose by \$18.9 billion instead of 18.2 billion, while purchases by state and local governments rose \$5.7 billion instead of \$1.7 billion.

The total value of GNP was \$3,877.9 billion in the fourth quarter, compared with \$3,835.9 billion in the third quarter and \$3,731.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 1986.

All of the figures are at seasonally adjusted annual rates and are expressed in 1982 dollars, eliminating the impact of inflation.

In current-dollars GNP was \$4,604.0 billion in the fourth quarter, compared with \$4,524.0 billion between July and September.

### Growth

The Reagan administration is predicting 2.4 per cent growth in 1988, while the Federal Reserve is looking for growth between 2.0 and 2.5 per cent.

The implicit price deflator inflation gauge, which rose 3.0 per cent in 1987, is expected to rise 3.9 per cent this year, according to White House economists.

The Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, looks more optimistically for a rise of 3.25 to 3.75 per cent.

## Japan's rapid growth good news for US

TOKYO, Feb 26, (Reuters) Japan's economy is booming and looks set to exceed the government's growth target for 1987/88, government economists said yesterday.

"Domestic demand is very, very vigorous," said one, who declined to be identified.

The rapid growth is good news for the United States, which has been pressing Japan to speed up its economy and increase its imports to help correct the world's lopsided trading pattern.

The economists said the economy expanded strongly in the October/December quarter and that growth for the fiscal year ending March 31 was likely to top the government's 3.7 per cent target.

"Growth is likely to be over four per cent," said one.

Growth in 1988/89 also looks set to better the government forecast, of 3.8 per cent, they said.

Behind the revitalisation of Japan's economy, which only a year ago was flat on its back because of the strong yen, is strong domestic demand.

Alarmed by the damage done to its exporters by the surging yen, the government loosened its tight hold on public finances last year and sharply increased construction spending.

Low interest rates have ignited a housing boom and consumers have stepped up spending on electronics and other goods to put in their new homes.

**Fastest**

Encouraged by the strong domestic economy, Japanese companies have begun to rebuild inventories and step up spending on new plant and equipment.

"Public and private investments are very strong," one government economist said.

He estimated that the economy may have risen by about 1.5 per cent in the October/December quarter from the previous

quarter.

That would translate into an annual growth rate of about six per cent and compares favourably with forecasts of US economic growth of around two per cent in 1988.

The Japanese economy rose two per cent quarter-on-quarter in the July/September period, the fastest growth in 3 1/2 years.

Meanwhile, many Japanese oil companies and trading houses lost billions of dollars in speculative oil trading last year, Reuter reported yesterday.

Analysts blamed US banks for encouraging oil companies to trade heavily in volatile oil futures, especially on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) where prospective buyers and sellers can hedge or speculate on the future price of the commodity, the report added.

It said many Japanese traders guessed wrong and did not have the futures market experience to cut their losses.

Some investment bankers not only wrote, but also gave seminars on the subject, according to the report.

"They created a whole new activity for the oil industry. Some oil companies got excited, thought it was a whole new world and stopped behaving like oil companies," the report pointed out.

Meanwhile, Japan imported about 18 million kilobars of crude last month, a 5.9 per cent increase over the December 1987 levels, according to figures released here by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Of the total, more than 70 per cent came from Opec countries with the UAE leading with 3.70 million kl.

Other Opec countries supplying crude to Japan during the month were Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran and Iraq.

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Donald Morton, vice president for energy futures at the Boston office of Prudential-Bache Securities Inc, said the market got off on a sour note when it picked up on overnight declining prices for North Sea Brent crude — the main European grade — on the London market.

The general feeling, psychology in the market was already very weak, very negative," he said. "So it gave ground and just broke.

Analysts also said technical factors pushed oil futures prices lower.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

London — Oji Paper Co Ltd is issuing a 250 mln dlrs equity warrant Eurobond due March 16, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-3/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTTP 1126)

London — Deutsche Bank Finance (Curacao) NV, a unit of Deutsche Bank AG, is issuing a 200 mln dlrs Eurobond due March 25, 1993, paying 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, Deutsche Bank Capital Markets Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUH 1126)

Amsterdam — Unilever NV of Rotterdam is issuing a 200 mln guilders, 7.57-pct, seven-year Eurobond at 101.00 pct, lead manager Algemene Bank Nederland NV said. (RTUV 1435)

London — Svenska Handelsbanken is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond with bull and bear tranches due March 24, 1993, paying seven pct and priced at 102 pct. Sumitomo Trust International Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUG 1122)

Frankfurt — Australian Industry Development Corp is issuing a three-year 75 mln Australian dlrs bond with a 12-3/4 pct coupon priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTUJ 1151)

London — The Kinki Sogo Bank Ltd is issuing a 50 mln dlrs convertible Eurobond due March 31, 2003 with an indicated semi-annual coupon of 2-7/8 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTUK 1141).

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS	
LDN	9 8-7/8	9 8-7/8	9 3/8 1/4	
FFT	3.45/55	3.30/40	3.35/45	
PAR	7-3/16 1/4	7-1/4 3/8	7-9/16 11/16	
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-5/8 1-7/8	
BXR	2.60	6-1/8 1/4	6-1/8 1/4	
ROM	10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8	
AMS	3-1/4 3-3/4	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-0/0 4-1/8	
TOK	3.3750 4375	3.8750 9375	3.7500 B125	
ECU	6.06 6.31	6.06 6.18	6.31 6.43	

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-15/16	5-3/8
3 months	4-15/16	5-7/16
6 months	5-1/16	5-9/16
1 year	5-1/16	5-9/16

## BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	65	64.50	64 NICO	510	500	510
ACC	144	144	GRASIN	31.50	31	31.75 MUKAND	76	75.50	75.50
ASTA PAINT	145	145.25	147.50 GSFE	98.50	97.50	98.50 ORKAY	19	19	19.25
SAJAJ AUTO	396.25	395	NIND LEVER	67	66.50	67.50 PEICO	27	26	26.50
BAR-RATON	150	140	HINDALCO	120	120	119.50 PFIZER	69	65	67
BON-DITING	126.25	125.50	HINDCOCA	75	72.50	77.50 PRE-AUTO	25	24	25
BR. BOND	79.50	78	78.50 HINDOTOR	20	19.25	18.75 RAYMOND	45	46	46.50
BSE INDEX	406.83	404.18	IMD ORG	17.50	18	17.50 RELIANCE	86	85	83
CENTURYSPG	652.50	655	INDRATON	50	49	49.50 SIEMENS	67	66	67
COLGATE	191.25	187.50	190 INROL	175	173.75	167.50 SPIC	31	30.50	31
DEPAFKERT	29.50	28.50	28.50 ITC	32	31	31.50 STOMMILLS	230	230	230
ET. HOTEL	42	40	42 JKSYNTN	51	50.50	50 TATA PMR	178.50	177.50	178.50
ESKAFF	196.25	195	195 L AND T	78	78	77 TATACHEM	63	61.50	62
ESSAR	18	17.75	17.51 MAHINDRA	52.50	54	53.50 TELCO	355	355	355
GAR. POLT	78	77.50	77 MASTERSH	9	--	7 TISCO	588.75	582.50	567.50
GE-SNP	23.75	23.75	23.85 MATHER PL	98.75	98	97.50 VOLTAS	260	250	252.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUBI CP	1260	1240	MITSUB EL	651	653
AEG	229.8	238.5	AJINOMOTO	3360	3400	3400	MITSUB EST	2200	2210
ALLIANZ VR	1350.0	1385.0	AKAI ELEC	513	513	513	MITSUB HVY	637	629
BADERWERK	185	177.5	AKCI	1020	1010	1010	MITSU CO	780	784
EASF	245.6	248.5	ASANI GAS	1900	1910	1910	MITSUKOSHI	1520	1550
BAIER HYP	265.4	268.0	ASAHI OPT	586	600	600	MITSUMI EL	1270	1310
BAYER VER	344.0	350.0	BANKE TOKYO	1530	1540	1540	MITCHICON	1330	1330
BBC	295	309.0	BRIDGESTON	1390	1420	1420	NIHON CANT	801	807
BMF	322.0	327.0	CANON	1110	1070	1070	NIKKO SEC	2080	2110
BW	531.0	542.0	CASIO COMP	1220	1220	1220	NIP ELEC	2050	2000
CHEKIE-VER	0	120.0	CHIGAI MMG	0	170	170	NIP KOKAN	322	328
COMMERZBK	252.7	255.0	CITIZEN W	594	588	588	NIP OIL	1220	1220
CONTI GUMM	225.0	227.0	D-ICHI KAN	3230	3230	3230	NIP STEEL	424	424
DAIMER BEN	688.0	702.0	DAI NIP IK	785	786	786	NIP YUSEN	569	559
DEUTSC BNK	458.0	441.0	DAI NIP PT	2580	2580	2580	NIS MOTOR	830	820
DLW	313.0	321.0	DAI NIP SC	972	970	970	NOHARA SEC	3910	3950
DRESDNER B	246.0	249.0	DAI NIP TO	485	485	485	OBHA CO	1010	1000
BTB&ACBOK	155.0	158.0	DAICEI	805	810	810	OLYMPUS	1130	1150
F42 INDEX	455.51	459.68	DAIMA H	1790	1790	1790	PENTA OCN	865	870
GEODSCHMID	235.0	235.0	DAIMA SEC	2710	2720	2720	PIONEER	2850	2800
GUTEHOFF	0	0	EERA MFG	832	828	828	RENOMA	825	825
HARPMER	396.5	397.0	EISAI	2500	2500	2500	RICOH	1210	1190
HOECHST AG	255.0	258.8	FUJITSU	1480	1450	1450	SANKYO	2140	2140
HOESCH	107.0	108.9	FUJI BANK	3440	3460	3460	SANYO ELEC	527	528
RORTEN	175.0	177.5	FUJI PHOTO	4040	4020	4020	SEIYU ST	2520	2510
HUSSEL HLD	450.0	433.0	FUJISAWA	2020	2040	2040	SEKISUI PB	1900	1890
KALI SAL2	142.0	134.8	FUJITA CP	764	754	754	SHARP	966	966
KARSTADT	410.0	413.9	HITACHI	1330	1290	1290	SHISEIDO	1720	1740
KAUFHOF	363.0	371.8	HONDA MOT	1520	1500	1500	SONY	4870	4800
KLOECK H	94.0	95.0	ISETAN	1400	1380	1380	SUMITOMO	1130	1130
KLOECK W	0	67.5	ITO YOKADO	4250	4300	4300	TAISEI	952	953
LINDE	562.0	570.0	JAP SYN RU	1060	1050	1050	TAISHO HRN	1190	1220
LUFTHANSA	142.0	143.0	JAPAN AIR	14300	14600	14600	TAKEADA CH	3140	3110
MAN 157.0	161.5	162.5	JAPAN MET	447	431	431	TEIJIN	793	800
MANNESMAN	121.0	125.5	KAJIMA	1590	1580	1580	TKO NEW IX	72.08	71.93
MERCDES	544.5	558.0	KANSAI EL	2950	2960	2960	TKO MRW	2070	2080
NETALLGES	208.5	213.9	KAO SOAP	1940	1930	1930	TOKYO ELEC	1170	1180
MINDORF PF	535.0	539.3	KAWASAKI H	329	324	324	TOKYO GAS	5860	5950
NORSK HTD	46.80								

Sprinkel happy with US money supply targets

PARIS, Feb 26, (AP): Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, said yesterday the modified money supply target ranges for 1988 set by the Federal Reserve Board — the American Central Bank — are "appropriate."

Sprinkel, in Paris to attend a special meeting of economic policymakers today said he was "delighted" with the testimony of Fed chairman Alan Greenspan before the House Banking Committee on Tuesday.

At the hearing, Greenspan indicated that the Federal Reserve Board's Open Market Committee (FOMC) had set target ranges of 4 per cent to 8 per cent for the M2 and M3 aggregates, representing a decrease of one percentage point in terms of their midpoints compared with 1987. M2 and M3 include time deposits as well as checking the accounts and cash included in the M1 category of the US money supply.

#### Decision

Sprinkel said the committee's decision to try to go down the middle of those ranges, with a growth rate of around 6 per cent, is indeed appropriate.

"The (US President Reagan) administration is just as concerned about inflation as the Federal Reserve Board ... we don't want the adoption of policies that will lead to a reacceleration of inflation," he told a group of journalists.

Sprinkel said he was confident that the US real net export deficit, which has been improving since the third quarter of 1986, would continue improving at a somewhat faster pace in 1988, declining by between \$40-45 billion.

He acknowledged, however, that the improvement of the trade deficit in nominal terms is taking somewhat longer to show despite what he described as an export "bonanza" in the United States.

#### Britoil drops resistance to BP bid

LONDON, Feb 26, (AP): Britoil Pic has dropped its resistance to British Petroleum Co. Plc's £2.5 billion takeover offer for the North Sea oil company even though Britoil still believes it is inadequate.

Britoil's board of directors said on Thursday it was advising its shareholders to accept the offer of 500 pence (\$8.80) for Britoil's 504 million shares outstanding.

The Britoil board had vigorously opposed the company's takeover by BP, which controls 81 per cent of Britoil's stock.

The government announced on Tuesday that it wouldn't use its special share in Britoil to block the offer, as long as BP kept promises to meet certain conditions.

#### Operations

Among the conditions were that BP would maintain the headquarters for some of Britoil's operations in Glasgow, Scotland.

The government had retained the special share which gives it the veto power over the company's affairs when it privatised Britoil in two stages in 1985 and 1987.

Britoil chairman Sir Philip Sheldrake said in a letter to shareholders: "Your board continues to believe that 500 pence (\$8.80) represents an inadequate price for an ordinary share in Britoil, but there are now considerable uncertainties confronting shareholders who might wish to remain a minority in Britoil."

He said the continued listing of the company's shares could not be guaranteed and that the market value of the shares would likely fall after the BP offer closes.

The offer currently is open indefinitely.

#### Gold gains

## Dollar and stocks edge lower

LONDON, Feb 26, (Reuter): The dollar edged lower today because of worries over the US economy and most European stock exchanges lost ground after a 22-point slide on Wall Street yesterday, dealers said.

Tokyo share prices closed up for the 12th consecutive session today, propelled by a more stable dollar, good domestic economic growth, and promising company profits, brokers said.

"You can't really explain the strength of the market," a broker said. "Everyone keeps saying this is the last day, and it keeps going."

The key Tokyo share index rose 64.52 points, or 0.26 percent to 25,165.18.

#### Pressure

"Before, people took the stance to sell when the market reached certain levels," said broker Robert Karr of new Japan securities. "But now they feel if they sell, they will miss out, so selling pressure has disappeared."

#### Confident

"The market is a bit more confident that the dollar is going to test the downside soon," said a chief dealer at a major US bank in London. "The GNP figures were the spur, in fact the excuse for a bout of dollar selling," he added.

Gold which has been around 10-month lows for most of the week, gained slightly in London this morning, being fixed at \$432.65 an ounce compared with \$432.10 yesterday afternoon.

The dollar traded at midday at just below 1.69 West German marks and 128.50 yen after closing in London yesterday at 1.6965 marks and 128.73 yen. Dealers said it was still under the spell of US gross national product figures for the last three months of 1987 which were issued in Washington yesterday.

GNP growth was revised upwards, but the rate turned out to be below market expectations.

#### Business

"The market is a bit more confident that the dollar is going to test the downside soon," said a chief dealer at a major US bank in London. "The GNP figures were the spur, in fact the excuse for a bout of dollar selling," he added.

"The key figures are different, and they will come in two weeks' time," said one dealer referring to US trade figures for January due out on March 17.

Shares on key European exchanges generally headed lower at the end of the week.

In London, the blue-chip FTSE index of 100 key shares was 1,770.6 points at 1200 GMT, down 11.8 yen yesterday's close.

#### Decline

Dealers said the decline started in early trading reflecting the Dow Jones industrial average's 2-point fall on Wall Street yesterday to 2,017.57. After being about 30 points up at one stage, the New York market slumped late in the day after former US Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker said US interest rates were set to rise in the short-term.

French share prices started slightly lower in quiet pre-weekend trading. At the start of continuous trading business was active and the 50-share bonze

indicator posted around a 1.27 per cent decline. It then slipped further to a 1.80 per cent fall before beginning to pick up again.

#### Easier

West German shares were easier after a sharp rise yesterday as investors, encouraged by the weaker dollar, took profits ahead of the weekend. Frankfurt's Boersen-Zeitung index, calculated at midday, was 3.65 points down at 291.51.

Share values eased in Milan, Zurich, Madrid and Amsterdam, but in Brussels, where the market is being influenced by a battle for control of Societe Generale de Belgique, the country's biggest company, shares were generally firm in thin trading.

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#### year ago.

Apart from 102 days' of stocks at end-1982, the level was the highest since IEA records began in 1974.

Evidence suggests that stocks in the first quarter of this year are not falling as fast as expected, partly due to weak demand caused by a mild winter, particularly in West Europe.

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Analysts also said Opec sellers had built up their own stocks. They understood Saudi Arabia had increased the amount it holds overseas by chartering five or more supertankers with options to use them to store oil. Saudi overseas storage is estimated at 18 to 20 million barrels per day (bpd) over its self-imposed 16.6 million bpd ceiling.

With slack demand, this brought stocks in the industrial nations of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to their highest for five years.

The Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) estimated that OECD government and oil company stocks on January 1, 1988, at 99 days' forward consumption, two days more than a

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Opec seems to regard quotas as an output floor, not a ceiling," Nomura's Baker said. "It should be the reverse."

## Oversupply sends North Sea crude prices below \$15

Algeria's Belkacem Nabi said output needed to be under 17 million bpd to balance supplies with lower spring demand.

Ecuador's Fernando Santos Alvit said: "The basic problem is the disequilibrium between supply and demand and for that reason I think the solution lies in the level of production."

Both said Opec's price monitoring committee ought to meet if prices stay depressed.

According to a Reuter survey, Opec January output fell to 16.7 million bpd from 18.35 million the previous month.

Industry observers say the strategy Opec is now pursuing in its efforts to stabilise prices around its reference price of \$18 is in sharp contrast to that a year ago.

Early 1987 its response to weak markets was a rigid refusal to sell below Opec-mandated prices. This year, the plan is to stick to output quotas in the hope it will bear the same result.

Whereas last year's policy cut output below the group's ceiling in February and March 1987, the IEA says, output this year is at least 1.5 million higher — yet world demand has risen little more than one percent.

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MANAGEMENT





## SPORTS

**Blackman's jump shot gives victory to Mavericks**

**NEW YORK, Feb 26.** (AP): Here are the results of National Basketball Association games last night:

**Mavericks 108, Rockets 106**

Rolando Blackman, who scored 29 points, made a 20-foot (6-metre) jump shot with 26 seconds remaining to give the Dallas Mavericks their seventh straight victory, 108-106 over the Houston Rockets in a key Midwest division game.

Blackman, who scored nine of Dallas' last 13 points, also had six assists and seven rebounds in the game in Houston.

**Suns 109, Cavaliers 103**

Walter Davis scored 16 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter, including eight in the final 1:18, as the Phoenix Suns beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-103, just hours after the teams made a multi-player trade.

In the game in Phoenix, Arizona, rookie Armon Gilliam scored a career-high 24 points while Eddie Johnson had 22 and Jeff Hornacek had 16 for the Suns.

Before the game, the Suns swapped veteran forwards Larry Nance and Mike Sanders for Cavaliers' center Mark West, guard Kevin Johnson and forward Tyrone Corbin. In addition, the teams exchanged the Cavaliers' second-round selection in both the 1988 and 1989 college drafts. None of the players involved in the trade suited up, leaving both teams with just eight in uniform.

**Knicks 96, Clippers 95**

Gerald Wilkins scored nine of his 25 points in the last five minutes as the New York Knicks ended an 18-game road losing streak with a 106-95 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The victory was the Knicks' second of the season in 25 games away from Madison Square Garden and their first on the road since Nov 25, when they beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-101. The Clippers, who have dropped seven in a row, played without three key players due to illness and injury.

**Bullets 129, Kings 110**

Jeff Malone scored a season-high 35 points as the Washington Bullets broke a three-game losing streak with a 129-110 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

In the game in Sacramento, Moses Malone added 27 points and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds for Washington. John Williams added 17 points.

**Barcelona reel off third successive win**

**LONDON, Feb 26.** (Reuter): Barcelona continued their recovery after their dreadful start to the quarter-final playoffs with their third successive win yesterday to increase their chances of making the European Champion Clubs' Cup basketball semifinals.

The Catalan team, who beat Cologne 116-85, are now fifth following five wins in their last games after losing their first four matches in the elementary pool.

At the end of 14 rounds, the top four teams will qualify for the semifinals to be played in Ghent, Belgium, between April 5 and 7.

Partizan Belgrade are clear leaders with nine wins from 10 games following a 73-70 victory in Orthez against the French champions. Zarko Paspalj led the scorers for Partizan with 15 points supported by 14 from Vlade Divac and 13 from Goran Grobovic. American Howard Carter led the Orthez response with 20 points.

Aris Salonika stay second with six wins following a 93-77 win over Maccabi Tel Aviv. European player-of-the-year Nick Gallis was top scorer for Aris with 36, backed by 19 from fellow Israeli international Panagiotis Yannakis.

Third-placed Milan won 85-80 in the Netherlands against Den Bosch who are still without injured American and leading scorer Paul Thompson and their tallest player Hank Pieterse.

Americans Ricky Brown, with 28 points, and Bob McAdoo, with 27, were Milan's top scorers. Den Bosch depended on their three international players for their points -- Ronald Schip, who scored 19, Jos Kuypers, 18, and Raymond Bottse, 21.

Maccabi, in fourth place, are under most threat from Barcelona's resurgence which has been sparked by the recovered form of key players. Juan San Juan scored 28 points against Ologne. American Audie Morris 24 and Sibilo 21.

Barcelona lost by one point in Tel Aviv in the first game in the pool, but defeated them 106-91 at the beginning of February. His ensures they will go through the last four if they finish in the same number of wins as Maccabi.

**SOVIETS BOOST THEIR LEAD IN MEDAL STANDINGS**

# Tomba digs gold for Italy in men's giant slalom

**CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 26.** (AP): Alberto Tomba, Italy's new "bomb" on skis, blasted past a star-studded field for his country's first gold medal of these Winter Olympics yesterday, while the Soviets just kept grinding out cross country victories.

Tomba, wearing a big number 1 for his starting position, won the men's giant slalom in two explosive runs that added up to 2 minutes, 6.37 seconds.

Tamara Tikhonova persevered for 55 minutes, 53.6 seconds as she led a 1-2-3 Soviet sweep in the women's longest cross country ski race, 20 kilometers. After her second gold medal of these games, she commented: "It was almost easy."

Reiza Smetanova battled from behind for a bronze medal in the race, boasting her haul for four Olympics to nine medals, the most for any woman in Winter Olympic history.

The only Soviet embarrassment was the disqualification of Nina Gavriluk, who placed eighth, for racing with an oversized shoe manufacturer's logo on her headband.

Now holding 25 medals in all, including nine golds, the Soviets boosted their lead over second-place East Germany, which stayed at 17 medals, including seven golds.

The East Germans, however, were hoping for gold from women's figure skating defending champion Katarina Witt, who won last night's short programme, worth 20 percent of the total, and stood second overall going into the finale, tomorrow night's free skating, which is worth 50 percent.

In overall medals, Switzerland stayed third with 11 after Pirmin Zurbriggen took the giant slalom bronze, and its skiing archrival Austria kept close behind with nine thanks to Hubert Strolz' silver in that race.

Tomba, 21, who has won seven of the 12 World Cup races he has entered so far this season, made his Olympic debut on Sunday in the super giant slalom — not one of his specialties — and quickly missed a gate, twisting his knee.

**Flawless**

But he was nearly flawless in his first run down the giant slalom course yesterday, winning it by 1.14 seconds. He captured the gold with what he called a "very intelligent ... no risks" second run.

Tomba, whose wealthy father

had promised him a Ferrari sports car if he won a gold medal, was mobbed by Italian fans, who knocked down a fence to congratulate him.

"I want it red," he said of the car.

The victory by Tomba, the self-proclaimed "new messiah of skiing", was the first Olympic Alpine skiing gold for an Italian man since Piero Gros' slalom triumph in 1976. He will race again tomorrow in the slalom.

Strolz, who earlier won the Alpine combined event, was 1.04

seconds behind in 2:07.41, despite being one-tenth of a second faster than Tomba on the second run.

Zurbriggen, originally seen as a likely multiple gold medallist, finished in 2:08.39 for his bronze. He won the first Alpine race of these games, the downhill, but then fell within sight of victory in the combined and tied for fifth in the super-G.

"For me," Strolz said, the silver medal "is a victory because Alberto is too strong and he was unbeatable today."

Zurbriggen, the defending World Cup giant slalom champion, added, "Tomba is definitely superior in giant slalom at the moment. He is very strong and very determined, and I could only think of the silver or bronze."

**Poorly**

Two stars fared poorly. Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, in what was seen as his last good chance for an Olympic medal, finished 20th. Ingmar Stenmark, winner of 43 giant slalom races, four times as many as any other racer in history, was 30th in the first heat and missed a turn in the second.

Stenmark, 31, was making his first Olympic appearance since 1980. He was banned from the 1984 games for professionalism.

There also were disqualifications in the giant slalom — for wearing ski suits not approved by the international ski federation. All four Canadian racers and 10 other competitors were not allowed to make their second runs, but none was a medal contender.

**Triumph**

Tikhonova's triumph was the Soviet fifth in seven cross country races in these games, with only the men's 50-kilometre event remaining to be run, tomorrow.

Teammate Anfisa Retsova, who had anchored the winning relay team, was 19.2 seconds



The Olympic medal winners wave after the final event in the Nordic Combined discipline gave the West German team, centre, the gold, Switzerland, left, the silver and Austria the bronze. (Reuter wirephoto)

"from the beginning everything went just fine ... the skies were very good and it was almost easy."

She joined Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi, the 36-year-old Smetanova on the list of women triple medallists in these games. Matikainen won the five-kilometre race and also has two bronze medals.

**Relay**

Tikhonova won her other gold as a member of the 4x5-kilometre relay team, and took a silver in the five-kilometre individual race.

Matikainen was only 12th yesterday one place behind teammate Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi, 32, a triple gold medallist in the 1984 Olympics who started a comeback eight months ago after retiring in 1985.

In practice runs yesterday for the four-man bobsled race, to be run tomorrow and Sunday, Swiss veteran Ekkehard Fasser posted the fastest time ever on the Olympic Park course, 55.52 seconds. The record of 57.25 was set last month by a Canadian team.

## Czechoslovakia hold the key

**CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 26.** (AP): Czechoslovakia, the only team with no chance of an Olympic hockey medal, will determine who the gold is awarded.

The Soviet Union, the defending gold medalist, can win it again as early as today if it beats top-seeded Sweden, and Czechoslovakia can beat Finland earlier in the day.

A victory by Finland, however, would set up a gold medal showdown on Sunday between the Soviets and Finns.

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That Lindmark's save was the difference against the Czechs.

shouldn't be too surprising. Great goaltending almost always makes the difference in the Olympics.

Could the Soviet Union have ruled the hockey world for the last two decades without the great Vladislav Tretiak?

This year, a number of goalies

brought their considerable skills into the Olympics, including Canada's Sean Burke and Andy Moog, Czechoslovakia's Jaromir Siodel and Dominik Hasek, Switzerland's Richard Bucher and Olivier Anken, Poland's Gabriel Samolej and West Germany's Karl Frieser.

Two have stood out: Lindmark and Finland's Jarmo Myllys.

Another, Sergei Mylnikov of the Soviet Union, looks beatable. But he hasn't been beaten often enough and the Soviets are 6-0.

**Redshaw wins golf title**

TONY Redshaw mastered the cold windy conditions for a seven-stroke win in the 36 holes Kuwait Closed Championship which finished yesterday at the Hunting & Equestrian Club. Runner-up was Mohamed Siddique and Gill McKinnon became champion of the handicap section for the second time.

The conditions pushed the scoring sky high and only two of the eighty-six entrants were able to break 80 in either round.

Redshaw took the lead in the first round with a superb 74 which included even par 35 on the back nine. Siddique was in second place with a 77 and John Plater in third position on 80. Plater's front nine of 37 was best on the day but he dropped six shots on the last five holes.

**Contention**

Still in contention in the first round were Stephen Watters and R. Cooper both on 81 followed by Pieter Van Thiel and Chris Thrupp each posting 82.

Most players had difficulty improving their scores on the second day and it was left to Redshaw to clinch victory with a comfortable second round of 80. This was another major win by Redshaw who is a veteran of 35 years golf in Kuwait and is a former triple champion of the Kuwait Open.

Siddique slipped to an 84 in the second round but held on to runner-up position. Stephen Watters returned an 82 to edge into third place from Plater who carded an second round 84.

In the handicap section, Gill McKinnon (19) fired a first round 72 and an excellent 65 on the second day to take first prize with a nett 137.

The championship was sponsored by Toyota via their Kuwait agent Mohamed Nasser Al Sayer & Sons and a new car was offered as a prize for a hole-in-one on hole 13 but it was not won.

**Leading scores:**

154 A Redshaw (AH)

161 M Siddique (AH)

161 S Watters (HE)

166 C Dean (HE)

166 G Dean (HE)

167 R Connor (AH)

168 R Cooper (BS)

170 K Sleas (BS)

171 B Griffin (BS)

**Nett scores:**

137 Mrs G McKinnon (19)

141 U S Acharya (15)

142 A Redshaw (6)

143 D Poplar (18)

143 S Watters (10)

**Team prize tied**

444 A Jashemal, K Naylor, A Sinclair, Mrs G McKinnon

444 D Poplar, D Fryer, R Amies, H A Bowron

(Note: AH (Abmadi), BS (Buck Sande), HE (Hunting & Equestrian Club)

**Shot back**

A group of five, including Corey Pavin and Ed Fiori, were just a shot back of the lead at 66, as first-day conditions were virtually ideal and scores were generally low.

Haas won the Bob Hope Clas-

sic in January, then finished

second to Steve Pate in his 12th year on tour.

Haas' round was a model of

consistency. He had six birdies and no bogeys, and clipped three shots off par on the front nine

and three more on the back.

He said he thought it would take a very low score to win the tournament.

**Tom Kite** was in another

group of five, including

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Haas tops the 1988 earnings

list with \$261

**SPORTS****Racing Club beat Santos**

BUENOS AIRES, Feb 26, (Reuter): Three players were sent off as Racing Club of Argentina beat Brazil's Santos 2-0 (1-0) in a South American Supercup soccer match on Wednesday night.

Two Brazilian defenders and a Racing Club forward were shown the red card as Santos, one of the best sides in the world in the legendary Pele's heyday, found the going tough against a superior Argentine team.

Racing Club scored through Jose Iglesias after half an hour and midfielder Miguel Colomar two minutes after the break in the group two first-leg match.

Santos, twice South American champions in the early 1960s, rarely troubled Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol.

The Supercup, created this year, is for winners of South America's Club Championship, the Libertadores Cup. Racing Club won it in 1966.

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The Italian League resumes after a two-week break with Diego Maradona looking to increase Napoli's five-point lead.

**Prophecies**

Napoli travel to Pescara where a local priest has prophesied that the Madonna (not Maradona), will appear on a nearby hillside.

Local soccer fans have opted instead for a sight of Argentina's World Cup captain and the match has already been sold out.

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**Navratilova advances**

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Navratilova, bidding for her third straight tournament title, used service breaks in the seventh game of each set to take a 4-3 lead and gain control.

After Navratilova's key break in the first set, the players stayed on serve until the seventh game of the second set, when Fernandez double faulted on game point.

Navratilova then held at love to go up 5-3 and won the match with a break at 30.

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